

## **South Keys Greenboro Community Association President's Annual Report for 2023-24**

I would like to acknowledge the support of many volunteers in the community during 2023 as they are critical to the success of the Kids Soccer Program, Pushman Park Rink, the cancelled Family Day Winter Carnival, the Santa Event, and the Summer Fair. Volunteers are also responsible for managing the Kids Coop, 55+ Let's Lunch, and the Family Yoga in the Park Programs, and supporting our review of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporation Act. A big thank you also to the members of the board for all their hard work and achievements to keep us operating as a board. We are planning to continue with our established programs and events in 2024.

The City of Ottawa Funding and the support of local sponsors continue to be equally important to the success of our activities. We have recently renewed our City of Ottawa Funding Agreement for 2024-2028.

The SKGCA board has continued to meet regularly with the office of our City Councilor Jessica Bradley, receiving feedback on City initiatives, and raising community concerns. We were recently briefed on the Bus Service Review and how it will affect our community.

The SKGCA Facebook page has a large following of people interested in community activities and it provides local residents easy access to City information of local interest. It is complemented by our website SKGCA.CA that provides more details on the South Keys Greenboro Community Association.

The role of the Association has evolved over the years. We believe that we still make a difference by reinforcing the sense of community through our programs, events, and engagement with the City of Ottawa. We are open to new ideas, new faces, and new opportunities that may arise for the community.

We are always pleased to welcome community residents and residential property owners to visit our board meetings. During 2023 we have had a number of regular community attendees who have actively engaged in subjects of interest to them. Anyone who feels they may be interested in joining the board can ask to be added to the list of nominees at this meeting. Anyone interested in attending our meetings can contact us via e-mail at [skgca50@gmail.com](mailto:skgca50@gmail.com) after the meeting.

In 2023 we learned that the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporation Act (ONCA) of 2010 was coming into full effect in October 2024. We undertook a review of the ONCA and how it affected our corporation. As a result, we have made changes to our By-Laws that we approved in May 2023 and we are asking for your approval here today. The changes can be summarized as follows:

- Minimum number of Directors to be 3.
- Introduction of Special and Extraordinary Resolution definitions.
- Updated permission for attendance at regular and annual meetings by electronic means.
- Title President changed to Chair-President to satisfy need to have a Chair position on the Executive.
- Added a section on Conflict of Interest, and adjusted our corresponding policy.
- Added ability for the AGM to waive the need for an Audit or a Review Engagement.
- Updated Notice for annual and special meetings.
- Minor corrections.

We hope that we will be successful in continuing to nurture the sense of community in South Keys Greenboro.

Martin J. Eley, Chair-President

28 February 2024