

Dear fellow CHCC members,

I am writing to provide you with an update of CHCC news and to share some of the Executive's plans for the coming months.

The Executive has decided that the club will not open at all for the 2020-2021 season. In taking this decision we are considering the current situation with respect to the global pandemic, vaccinations, as well as the business and financial implications on the club. We will continue to monitor developments as they occur. We remain hopeful that circumstances will allow the club to open in the fall of this year.

While the pandemic continues to have negative financial impacts on the club, I am pleased to report that you have contributed generously to help offset these impacts. Through the charitable donation program that was established in November, the club has netted over \$15,000 in donations through the end of 2020. In addition, many of you decided to help by donating a portion of your fees to the club following registration in the fall. These acts of generosity place the club in a sound financial position as we continue to weather the COVID-19 storm. I would like to sincerely thank everyone that has contributed financially to the club.

CHCC will be participating in the soon-to-be-launched monthly 50-50 lottery that will be run by the Ontario Curling Association. Through this program, curling clubs will receive 40% of all ticket sale proceeds; these funds can be used for youth curling initiatives. The first draw will be held in March. We will provide more information about this program in the coming days.

Looking ahead, the club faces ongoing challenges. As you may know, much of the club's equipment is nearing replacement age, including major assets such as the ice plant. Significant investments will be required to maintain the building and equipment so that we can continue to curl at CHCC long into the future. The Executive is undertaking a process to identify needed improvements and ensure that we have the financial capacity to carry them out. As a first step, a new furnace for the ice shed was installed last week to replace the old furnace that was about 30 years old.

As always, we remain open to comments and suggestions from our members. You can email the club at carletonheightscc@gmail.com, or visit the club website at www.carletonheightscc.ca for more information.

On behalf of the club Executive, I wish you continued health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Mark Bodnar

President, CHCC