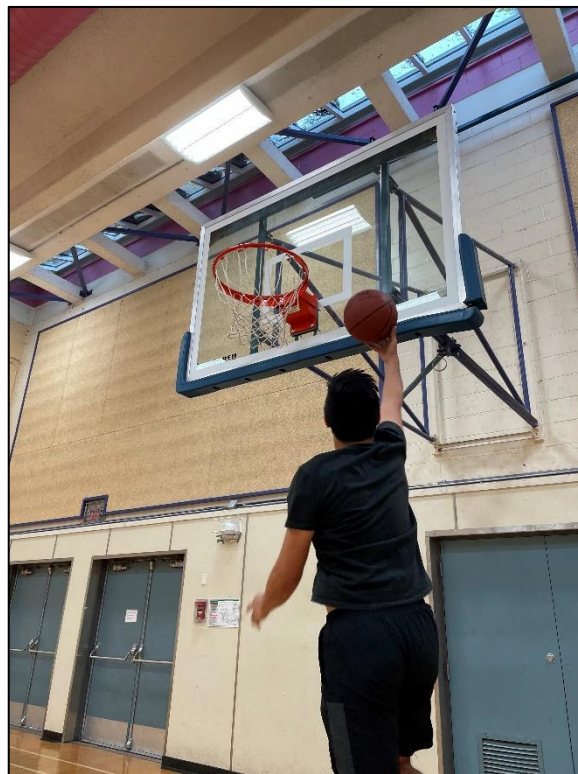




# **Renfrew Park Community Association**

## **2020-2021 Annual General Report**

September 2020-August 2021



(Glass Backboards August 2021)

Renfrew Park Community Centre is jointly operated by the  
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12:00pm – 2:00pm**

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**MINUTES OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF RENFREW PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
HELD ON ZOOM ON MARCH 27th, 2021.**

**Master of Ceremonies:** Anthony Mehnert

**RPCA President:** Albert Lee

The M.C. welcomed the 50 members, who had registered to attend and had been admitted, to the first virtual Renfrew Park Community Association AGM.

**Albert Lee, introduced the following:**

Gary Wozny of Tompkins Wozny, Chartered Professional Accountants  
Hisai MacMichael and Sarah, Happy Corner Preschool  
Jeffrey Low, RPCC Student Council Member

**The President called the 2020 Annual General Meeting to order at 12.05 PM.**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 2019 RPCA AGM**

**MOTION:** To adopt the Minutes of RPCA AGM held on November 16th, 2019 at Renfrew Park Community Centre as presented on Renfrew CC Website ***Carried.***

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR TODAY'S AGM**

**MOTION:** To adopt the Agenda for today's AGM as presented online ***Carried.***

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report** – Henry Lee on behalf of Chao Cheng.

Henry Lee gave a brief explanation of the Treasurer's Report, as presented on Renfrew CC Website, which showed reduced revenue due to the required shutdown of the centre in March 2020 because of COVID-19. He said certain expenses had to be met during the shutdown. He said RPCA Board accepts the Auditors' recommendations.

**Auditors' Report** – Gary Wozny

Mr Wozny said the Auditors' Report for the Financial Year ending August 31st, 2020, is posted on Renfrew CC Website.

He outlined the main aspects of the report, starting with the total Capital Assets of \$503,899 for the year Sept. 1st 2019 – Aug. 31st, 2020. He said this figure included \$50,679 in cash, \$67,398 in Gaming Grants and \$360,000 in investments.

Mr. Wozny went on to explain how the COVID-19 closure of the centre had resulted in greatly reduced revenue. He said the Gaming Grant of \$67,398 had been received, and had not all been spent. A Canada Emergency Business Account Loan of \$40,000 was applied for and received, \$10,000 of which will be forgiven if it is paid off by Dec. 31st, 2022. Also the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy to cover 75% of salaries of employees for March through August 2020 helped. He explained that \$247,643 was the amount paid out for the completed kitchen renovation.

Mr. Wozny gave further explanation of the report. He said that the Association does a good job of managing its finances. The final figures reflect the end of the first full year under the Joint Operating Agreement with Vancouver Park Board.

There were no questions on the Auditors' Report and Albert Lee thanked Mr. Wozny.

**MOTION:** To accept the Auditors' Report as presented

***Carried.***

**MOTION:** To continue to use Tompkins Wozny to audit our finances for 2020-2021

***Carried.***

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Albert Lee

Albert introduced the Renfrew Park Community Association Board Members.

Albert's report is posted on Renfrew CC Website. He went through it briefly, starting with a reminder that the Community Centre had been closed from March to September, 2020, due to COVID-19, but there had been a successful outdoor Summer Day Camp.

He told the meeting that through the shutdown and since, the Association has been working with Park Board and Renfrew staff to organize things with the safety of staff, patrons and volunteers in mind. He said they tried to help the people most in need including seniors, youth and young children.

The Association held its regularly monthly meeting online as it planned for reopening and, once partly open, for ways to bring back more programs when allowed, even though these programs tend to run at a loss. This is covered in the Program Committee Report.

Albert said we are looking at providing online programming which may mean investing in more technical equipment. He said there were things to be worked out such as the cost and privacy considerations. He said that a month ago the Association ran an online event for the Lunar New Year Celebration and much valuable experience was gained. Next weekend the centre will have a "Scrambled Egg" event for Easter, and he thanked the Junior and Senior Youth Councils for organizing this.

Albert says he believes that in addition to using our space to the maximum introducing new programs online is the way to go at present.

Albert concluded by inviting questions. One question was received, asking about how to make an appointment to have the COVID-19 vaccine, and Henry Lee was able to give the phone number for this.

### **PRIZE DRAW**

Albert said all members attending this meeting would be eligible for a bottle of hand sanitizer, and they will be told how to pick it up. He said he was using a computer system to draw eight numbers for prizes of Renfrew Park Community Association Face Masks or a packet of Chinese Noodles. The following numbers/names were drawn:

21 Lei Cho Chung  
54 Pse Seuy Guen  
25 Betty Lee  
33 Lin Ting Fei  
19 Anthony Keen  
14 Fung, George  
46 Sun, George  
42 Sharma, Sid

26 A further prize of a "beaded ox" ornament, made by Sonia for the Lunar N.Y., was won by Bill Lee

### **RPCA AFFILIATED GROUPS**

**These include:** Aikido Club  
Happy Corner Preschool  
Judo Club  
Lions Gate Camera Club  
Vancouver Trojans Football

Albert said Tony, representing Lions Gate Camera Club, and Hisai and Sarah representing Happy Corner Preschool were present. Albert explained that the Affiliated Groups were partners helping the Community Centre provide additional programs. He suggested that Lions Gate Camera Club could exhibit some of their photographs on our website and maybe give advice on aspects of photography. Tony Keen, from LGCC said he would look into doing this.

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT**

Albert Lee said that although most programs at the centre were stopped for half a year, the following improvements had taken place:

- Commercial Kitchen Upgrade had been completed
- Gym roof had been repaired
- Gym floor was serviced
- Work had been done on the pool.

Albert said that after the centre reopened information was collected about the most vulnerable people in our neighbourhood. He says online programming is a must, though not a replacement. He said the Association had been awarded a New Horizons grant to help seniors with online technology.

Albert thanked Jeffrey Low for his work with the Senior Youth Council.

### **REPORT FROM MARIAN GARDNER, COMMUNITY RECREATION SUPERVISOR.**

Marian said the centre's activities were covered in the Program Report and in the Staff Reports which were posted online.

She mentioned the following:

- The first half of the 2019-2020 year was successful.
- The downstairs Staff Office had been closed to patrons and this had worked out satisfactorily.
- The completion of the kitchen upgrade had taken place during the shut down.
- The Association Volunteers' Dinner had been cancelled due to the pandemic.

Marian advised people to check the website for upcoming events and news of reopening when this is possible.

Halley Tang said he was surprised that Renfrew had shut down nearly all programs and had not got online programs going. He said he had devised online programs such as ballroom dancing, bingo, tai chi and exercise.

For online programs Albert said Renfrew Park Community Association had to work closely with the Park Board and the City regarding privacy and they are working on a policy for this. Albert says we welcome anyone who has good ideas and would encourage them to share them with us.

### **NOMINATIONS TO RPCA BOARD**

On behalf of the Nominations Committee, Judy Egerton said there are fifteen vacancies on the Board and, at the cutoff date, there were seven nominations for re-election and these seven were re-elected by acclamation.

The members elected today to serve two years on the Board are:

Chao Cheng  
Helen Lee  
Henry Lee  
Anthony Mehnert  
Erin Shum  
Eddie Tang  
Gayle Uthoff

**CLOSING REMARKS** – Albert Lee

- Volunteers are the backbone of our centres and, as soon as things get back to normal we will welcome them back to the centre. They will need training in keeping things safe.
- Albert said he wanted to thank Marian Gardner for her leadership and all the staff for the work they are doing during a very difficult time.
- He thanked the Board Members for their work and support during his two years as President.
- He mentioned the social issues such as domestic violence and racial discrimination which seem to have been more in evidence during the pandemic, the latter particularly against Asians.
- Marian said there have been no reports of racism at Renfrew and she hoped it will stay that way. She advises anyone affected to seek help at the centre or from the City of Vancouver.
- Albert said that the Association was grateful for the bequest of \$50,000, made to Renfrew Park Community Centre by the late Gerry Howard some years ago, and this was put towards the Commercial Kitchen upgrade at the centre.
- Scrambled Eggs Event. Bring your children and grandchildren to this Easter event being organized by the Senior and Junior Youth Councils on April 2-5.
- Thank you to Henry Lee for helping with “traffic control” at this meeting.
- Hope to have further virtual meetings as part of our Online program.

**MOTION:** To adjourn this Annual General Meeting

***Carried.***

# President's Report

Submitted by Albert Lee

We have completed a full year of operation after reopening the community centre in September last year. Since then we have gradually restarted programs offered before the pandemic and made the necessary adjustments according to the public health order guidelines. We continue to focus on seniors and youth, the age groups most at risk. With the help from the Federal government's wage subsidy program we were able to finish the year in black despite lower capacity and much reduced attendance as many are still not comfortable in returning. We also have to establish some new programs as some instructors of previous programs elected to stay away for now or they have moved on to other endeavours. Due to the diligent efforts of the programming staff we have done quite well in enriching our program offerings.

Other than tapping into the emergency measures offered by the governments we continue to apply for the grants which have subsidized our operation as a not-for-profit organization over the years. We are happy that we were successful in getting the New Horizon Senior Project grant which allow us to educate and train the seniors how to connect digitally.

We continue to improve the functionality of our facilities. After the kitchen upgrade we finally installed the glass basketball backboard which should be a big draw to the basketball players. We have also reserved funds to upgrade the audio/video systems in room 110 and the gymnasium, and to install a roof-top air conditioning system in room 110, our most used multi-purpose room. We continue to review our operation to find areas where we can improve our programs.

For many years Renfrew has established a reputation that we have solid youth programs. We continue to provide training to our young leaders and utilize their skills in our summer day camps and other special events such as the moon festival and Canada Day celebration. Over the years, we have expanded our scholarships from two to four.

As many of you are aware of we have an aging facility. This is of great concern to us. For this specific reason, in the past six months we have engaged with Park Board working on the Community Centre Strategy which is to provide a clear and transparent approach to prioritize the renewal of all the community centres and define the service target that can meet the demand of the communities.

Due to the pandemic, we have experienced shortage of staff in the pool area and staff turnover in programming. Despite these challenges, the Centre staff has done an excellent job in keeping the Centre a safe place for our patrons to enjoy. I would like to thank Marian, the Centre Recreation Supervisor, Nick, the Recreation Programmer, and all other staff for their dedication and hard work.

I wish all the members a safe and rewarding 2022.



# **Treasurer's Annual Report**

Submitted by Chao Cheng

On November 12, 2021 Renfrew Park Community Association finalized an Yearly Financial Audit by Thompkins Wozny Chartered Professional Accounting. Please kindly refer to the Auditor's Report attached to the AGM package for the details.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we have reduced revenue due limited program offerings and participant limitations. With the government specific support and best efforts of our community centre staff (specially, Donna, Nick and Marian), our Association finances are still in good standing, and we have sufficient funds for the 2022 fiscal year.

In 2022, the association will continue the effort allocating our budget to enhance our programs and facilities under the new reality of Covid restrictions.

Wish everyone a Happy Holidays and healthy New Year!

## Financial Reports

*Please refer to the Financial Report which can be viewed online at*  
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# Program Committee

Submitted by Henry Lee

on behalf of the RPCA Program Committee.

Twitter: [@renfrewcc](#)

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Website: [www.renfrewcc.com](#)

**Members:** Henry Lee (Chair), Sari Lundberg, Albert Lee, Judy Egerton

**Staff Members:** Marian Gardner, Nick Fong, Chris Yu, Starla Bayley

**Role:** The role of the Program Committee is to evaluate the programs, research new ideas, suggest program adjustments and changes. Program requests, such as for new equipment, and employee wage increases are also discussed with the assistance of the Recreation Programmers. Community members are invited to express any comments, questions or concerns at these meetings. Meetings are held usually on the first Tuesday of each month.

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During this Pandemic year the Community Centre was not running at full capacity but there was still a need for the Program Committee's guidance and input throughout the year. We were fortunate to continue our meetings via Zoom.

Many different needs and requests came via the Program Committee throughout the year. These varied from raise requests for our hard working staff, to purchasing new equipment for the facility, and offering rental space to groups displaced by the pandemic.

The Program Committee was able to review and analyze market rates for Preschool Staff and to approve raises. This allowed Renfrew's staffing rates to be very competitive with other facilities and will hopefully help us retain our quality staff for years to come. The Program Committee also put forward raises for our Birthday Party leaders for when they were able to restart their program.

Throughout the year, the Program Committee had to make tough decisions about the financial status of the Renfrew Park Community Association. Many times throughout the year, we made decisions to help facilitate programming even at the potential for being at a financial deficit. For example the Program Committee was vital in approving additional discounts for at risk children to participate in our day camps during the Spring and Summer seasons. We also helped guide the Programming team to operate programs below their financial minimum to ensure programs could continue and begin to build momentum again.

The Program Committee was also instrumental in sourcing and proposing audio and visual upgrades for the Gymnasium and Room 110. In the upcoming fiscal year, we will have a new projector screen and projector installed in Room 110. Also we were able to upgrade the wireless microphones and receivers in both the Gymnasium and Room 110.

Renfrew's Program Committee also worked with a local group of dancers to help facilitate their dance practices at Slocan Hall in the upcoming year.

We expect the upcoming year to be another busy one. We are always looking for input from the community to help shape the programs and give input on important decisions on the operation within the facility. New ideas are always welcome and appreciated! If you have any ideas to share with us, please contact: Recreation Programmer: Nick Fong (604) 257-8387, [nick.fong@vancouver.ca](mailto:nick.fong@vancouver.ca)

As a committee, we would also like to thank all the Renfrew Staff Members for helping the facility operate during these challenging times. We hope for smoother times ahead so we can start to rebuild the programs and operations at Renfrew Park Community Centre.

# **Community Recreation Supervisor's Annual Report**

Submitted by Marian Gardner

I'm not sure when we had to first close our centre in March of 2020 anyone thought that the Covid 19 pandemic would still continue to impact our lives. After a lengthy six-month closure, the community centre reopened in September 2020 with priority programs which included the preschool, youth, and seniors programming. Park Board staff worked with the CCA to develop detailed Covid 19 Safety Plans for each area of our operations. These included increased cleaning of high touch points, physical distancing, reduced occupancy, and barriers among other things.

In November we were able to add low intensity activities to our programming only to have to suspend them again in mid-December due to increasing case counts. With vaccines becoming available in the new year we were slowly able to add more programming such as arts and social programs. All programs had to have pre-registration, we could not allow drop-ins so that patrons could be contacted in case of an exposure to the virus.

For the summer of 2021 we were able to remove our one way traffic restrictions, increase our capacity and masks were optional for those fully vaccinated. Our summer day camps operated at full capacity.

All of the public health restrictions as well as general fear of the virus has kept a lot of people away from the centre which had a significant impact on revenues. Fortunately, through federal and provincial relief programs the CCA has not had to dip in to its reserve funds to maintain operations.

I would like to thank the board of directors who have helped support the staff team through a year of many unknowns. It has been challenging to keep up with all the changes coming through the provincial public health office but we have been able to adapt and move quickly to keep our community safe.

# **Centre Recreation Programmer's Annual Report**

Submitted by Nick Fong

In a year with many adjustments and changes due to COVID19, the 2020-2021 year was rather eventful.

In the Fall of 2020 the facility opened again to the public. A number of COVID19 protocols were implemented to do this in a safe manner. One way traffic, no spectators and no extra individuals in the Community Centre and extra cleaning of high touch point areas were essential for the Community Centre to re-open. We resumed our Licensed Preschool program with a reduced capacity. The Licensed Preschool staff were able to adapt and adjust phenomenally to constant changes that were presented to them. Overall, the Licensed Preschool averaged about 60% of our maximum capacity (80 over all classes) throughout the year. This worked well for our facility and our space, and we were lucky to also secure grant funding from the Province of British Columbia to assist with the operation of our facility during the pandemic times. Also in Fall of 2020 we resumed popular programs like Community Lunch Program, Children's Basketball and Badminton Lessons, Children's Dance classes, Children's Rhythmic Gymnastics, Adult Yoga classes and Private Piano lessons. Towards the end of the Fall 2020 season, we were presented with a Grant opportunity with the New Horizons for Seniors program funded by the Government of Canada. We applied for this grant with the focus on providing seniors with the tools and education to connect with each other digitally and to feel comfortable using technology to remain connected and functional during the pandemic. Overall this was a busy month with many learning opportunities but it was a very good first step back to regular programming.

In Winter 2021, we saw additional restrictions which slowed down some of the seniors social programs. These additional restrictions resulted in us canceling the Community Lunch Program for the Winter and Spring seasons. Other programs continued in the Winter and Spring as they did in the Fall season. We were able to operate a successful Spring Break Day Camp with 13 registrations over 2 weeks being funded in partnership with the VSB for referral students to participate in our program. Also of note, we were approved to receive a \$25,000 grant from the New Horizons Program.

For the Summer 2021 season we were able to provide 2 day camps for Children aged 6-12. Unlike the previous summer, we were able to operate partially indoors. The camps were based out of Renfrew Park Community Centre and Falaise Hall. The Canada Summer Jobs Grant was again successful this year, and we were able to obtain approximately \$61,000 in funding to support 11 youth to be employed in our summer programs. Summer Camps were well enrolled – Licensed Preschool Camps were 154/160, Falaise Camp 112/112, and Renfrew Camp was 191/191. We were able to work again with VSB to ensure that 21 referral spaces could be filled throughout the summer. Also of note, in the Summer 2021 season we were able to bring back some of our Adult Line Dance Programs. They were thrilled to be able to use the gymnasium on an interim basis in the summer.

We are very grateful to have a public that is very accommodating and understanding of the current health situation, and instructors and volunteers who are equally flexible during these challenging times. As we work towards rebuilding our programming at Renfrew, we look to assistance and input from the community in order to guide the programs at Renfrew in our new 'normal'. We would love input on how to ensure that we're meeting safety needs of our patrons, as well as guide programming ideas and decisions based on community need. If you'd like to join in these conversations, or just listen you can feel free to join us for our Program Committee meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm Online via Zoom. You can email me for more details.

# Pool Programmer's Annual Report

Submitted by Shannu Marette

## Maintenance and Shutdown

Our Maintenance Shutdown was shortened from 4 weeks to 3 weeks this year as a lot of work was done during COVID last spring.

This year the work consisted of:

- Regrouting areas on the pool deck and change room tiles
- Working on the UV system for the hot tub
- Installing disc on the bottom of the pool for guards to be able to compare water clarity
- Diving board railings re-chromed

## Lessons

With the various Health Orders, we were slow to re-introduce lessons. When we did for the summer set, registration numbers per each class were greatly reduced as were the number of classes that we were able to offer at any one time. Patrons were eager to get their children back in lessons and the few spaced filled very quickly. We were able to add more classes in the Fall season.

Season	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Variance 2020-2021
<b>Winter</b> Jan - Mar	\$63,977.44	\$64,063.82	\$63,174.15	\$61,022.56	COVID No lessons	\$-61,022.56
<b>Spring</b> Apr - Jun	\$58,952.63 <i>June closure</i>	\$63,418.27 <i>June closure</i>	\$61,148.04	COVID closure	COVID No lessons <i>June closure</i>	\$0
<b>Summer</b> Jul - Aug	\$68,886.43	\$100,030.46	\$68,264.11	COVID closure	\$23,584.73	\$23,584.73
<b>Fall</b> Sep - Dec	\$109,368.49	\$78,480.27	\$72,739.34	COVID closure	\$42,987.12 <i>As at Nov 17</i>	\$42,987.12
<b>Total</b>	\$301,184.99 <i>.As at Dec 31</i>	\$305,992.82 <i>As at Dec 31</i>	\$297,735.35 <i>As at Dec 31</i>	\$61,022.56 <i>As at Dec 31</i>	66,571.85 <i>As at Nov 17</i>	\$5,549.29 <i>As at Nov 17</i>

## Aquafit

Aquafit since its re-introduction has remained popular. This program has remained a largely pre-registered program and the spots fill up quickly.

While we are no longer offering the Monday afternoon mild class, we have been able to offer 4 classes a week.

## Pool Staff Changes

There has been a number of changes in staffing, mostly over the last 3 months!!

### Pool Programmer

Shannu Marette began acting at Hillcrest Aquatic Centre in early August and Anson Siu was brought in from Kensington to replace her as Kensington is remaining closed at this time. In mid September, Bradley Kuong, one of Renfrew's Head Guards was given the opportunity to act as Pool Programmer but had to be pulled from the position and Anson Siu returned at the start of October.

### Full Time Aquatic Leaders

Bradley Kuong came from Hillcrest in January. He acted as Pool Programmer for almost a month in September but, due to staffing shortages, returned to Hillcrest Pool as a Head Guard as there was a vacant full time position that they were unable to get coverage for.

### Auxiliary Staff

Across the Park Board and the industry in general, there are huge shortages of lifeguards. Some of the larger facilities have had to either close sections of their pools or the pool altogether and there seems to be an almost daily scramble to find staff coverage. Renfrew has fared better than most pools in this respect.

**Closing**

While we got through last year and its challenges, this year has continued to add new challenges that the staff team have risen to!

As we said last year, we are all looking forward to a new year and the possibility of things returning to something close to what they were before COVID. As the rate of vaccinations increases, hopefully we can.

Patrons have commented that being at Renfrew Pool not only affords them the opportunity to exercise but also helps with their mental well being. Additionally, being able to return to work also helps with our staff team's well being. Both are important parts of building a resilient community and the Association continues to assist us offering services and experiences that benefit the community.

Thank you again!!

# Youth Worker's Annual Report

Submitted by Starla Bayley

Fall 2020 programs started slower than normal. Due to the limited spacing and Provincial Health restrictions and orders – the entire lower floor (minus preschool) have been closed off to the public. The orders have really limited what programs can run. At that point in time, all gym programs for youth were on hold and there was no games room for the foreseeable future.

I was able to start up both Jr. and Sr. Council. At first we were meeting face to face with masks on and physically distanced. We all started watching the numbers go up – and some of my student's parents were no longer allowing them to come to the centre for the program. For this reason – we moved our meetings to an online format and from there the attendance was great!

Jr. Council took on a lofty goal this past year – creating a cookbook that they are going to use to fundraise with. This ended up being a 32 page cookbook with recipes that the youth created and cooked at home. All the photo's in the cookbook are from items the individual youth submitted and cooked themselves. This will be a goal that they continue to work on in the 2021-2022 season. In addition to the cookbook – Jr. Youth Council put together a great Easter Weekend activity for families. All the young people came up with a seasonal joke that had one or two word answers. We put each letter of the answer on a designated coloured egg and then hung 100's of eggs in the Ravine. The object was to find the corresponding coloured egg to the question and then unscramble the letters to the answer to the joke or the riddles. This event also saw over 100 people participate.

Sr. Council hosted a pumpkin walk in the ravine. This was before we moved all our meetings to an online format. The council came in and we cut up 20+ pumpkins and then placed around the path in the ravine. Parents would then take their kids walking through the ravine and look for the pumpkins. There was much joy from the kids and parents at the site of all these pumpkins in the ravine. The night before Halloween we even put the little battery operated tea lights in them so they could glow all evening. Clean up was done the following week and all pumpkins were composted. Sr. Council spent some time writing letters and making cards for the Three Links Care Home across the street – in addition to this they also put together a short video thanking all the workers for keeping everyone as safe as possible. In addition to this, Sr. Youth Council also painted large signs sharing words of encouragement and strength so that the residents who were locked down could look out their windows and know they are not forgotten.

Both Sr. and Jr. Youth Council were able to participate in a city wide workshop that looks at the future of Vancouver and what they would like to see. As part of this workshop the youth received gift cards and sketch books for them to draw and doodle in. The work was shared with City Planners and their feedback will continue to help shape the Vancouver that we all love.

Over the year I hosted several crafting programs – as this felt like a safer alternative to the pre-teen social group. From several of the youth they truly looked forward to these programs as their parents had taken them out of in-person schooling and this was the only socializing they received.

As the rules changed, we started to allow youth back into the gym. This new format required them to sign-up in advance and follow all the COVID safety protocols that were put in place.

I took on the Family Day Activity in February as we were still receiving the grant but PHO orders were not allowing people to gather inside. For this reason I put together an outdoor scavenger hunt that had families finding answers to clues from the Community Centre all the way up to Slocan Park. We had over a 100 people participate over the weekend.

Over the summer months we had a very successful CHILL Leadership Camp that we ran out of Collingwood Park. This switch from Slocan felt very good as the park is more inviting with less incidents to report. In hindsight though, a summer camp at Slocan would have also been a good idea – even if it was just a small camp or only part of the summer. Something to consider for next summer 2022. We also ran a successful playground at Falaise – thanks to the association.



Lastly – just wanted to take a quick moment and personally thank the Association for all the support that you have provided to myself and the youth program over the year. It truly is appreciated.



## Happy Corner Parent Involvement Preschool

**Sarah Wong** (President 2020-2021 school year)

Happy Corner Preschool's mission is to provide a safe and caring space for young children. We are child-centered, play based preschool. To accomplish this, our parent volunteers assist the teachers in the school and also work together to organize and support school operations. Happy Corner also provides social and emotional support to our children and their families by holding educational seminars. We invite experts in the fields of child development, psychology and counselling to speak to us. This is Happy Corner's 50th year in operation.

### 2021/2022 School Year overview

- 3 dedicated teachers on staff
- 2 groups of children (age 3 and age 4 classes)
- Involvement in the community with our fundraising efforts (recent fundraiser raised over \$1000 to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society)
- Serve as a support network for families
- COVID-19 Response: last year we reduced our enrollment numbers in addition to masking, and frequent cleaning of toys and surfaces. This year we raised money to purchase a powerful air filter for the space.
- Teachers and volunteers are continually creating programs and activities that strengthen relationships between families and the school. We are able to achieve this while still keeping with COVID precautions.

## Renfrew Park Community Association 2020-2021 Board Members

President..... Albert Lee	Past President..... Henry Lee
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President..... Anthony Mehnert	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President..... Erin Shum
Treasurer..... Chao Cheng	Secretary..... Judy Egerton

### Members at Large

Donald Jiang	Helen Lee	Ting Fei (Fay) Lin	Sari Lundberg
Eddie Tang	Gayle Uthoff		



### Renfrew Park Community Association Mission Statement

We aim to assist in developing and fostering community spirit and involvement and to work closely with the other groups in the Renfrew-Collingwood Neighbourhood.

We aim to provide cultural, intellectual and physical activities through affordable recreation and leisure.”

## Renfrew Park Community Complex Staff 2020-2021

Community Recreation Supervisor.....	Marian Gardner
Centre Programmer.....	Nick Fong
Pool Programmer.....	Shannu Marette
Fitness Centre Programmer.....	Mark Cartwright
Community Youth Worker.....	Starla Bayley
Seniors' Worker.....	Cheryl Palidda
Recreation Facility Clerk.....	Jeanette Lum
RPT Cashier Clerk Typist.....	Donna Miazga
Head Cashier.....	John Henry White
Aquatic Leader.....	Marina Cooke, Bradley Kuong
RPT Aquatic Leader.....	Will Quinn, Hilary Feliciano
Utility Maintenance Worker.....	Louie Resoso, Frederick Factor
Building Service Worker.....	Danilo Pesigan



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