



## President's Report

**April 11, 2012**

The past 12 months have been busy, exciting, and productive! The 17 members of FGCC's Board of Directors, along with close to 300 volunteers, put in more than 11,000 hours to provide sports and recreation programming, community events, and administration and oversight of the facilities. Everyone involved with this community centre...Board members, volunteers, supporters and participants can definitely be proud of what we have accomplished.

This past year saw the completion of the architectural report, a huge step forward in achieving our vision for FGCC's future commitment to this community. Other milestones include a new website, a presence on Twitter, a decrease to our environmental footprint by making our newsletter almost paperless, and hosting a photo contest that received close to 30 entries from the community. We contributed to a new softball batting cage at Rey Fennel, purchased newer pitching machines for softball, and reopened the second batting cage at Hobson for baseball. Our Hobson site was also the recipient of an AED, graciously donated by the MB Heart & Stroke Foundation.

### Sports

FGCC either hosted or partnered with affiliates to offer hockey, ringette, softball, baseball, basketball, lacrosse, football, indoor soccer, skate boarding, karate, taekwondo and yoga. 43 teams comprising over 500 children and youth participated in baseball, soccer, softball and basketball alone. The Hobson site is also home to all Vincent Massey High School field sport teams.

FGCC enjoys affiliations with the following organizations:

- MSA (Manitoba Soccer Association)
- WYSA (Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association)
- WSEU (Winnipeg South End United)
- Hockey Manitoba
- Hockey Winnipeg
- FGNHA (Fort Garry North Hockey Association)
- Softball Manitoba
- WSWYSA (Winnipeg South West Youth Softball Association)
- Baseball Manitoba
- WSMBA (Winnipeg South Minor Baseball Association)
- WMBA (Winnipeg Minor Basketball Association)
- MRA (Manitoba Ringette Association)
- WRL (Winnipeg Ringette League)
- APFG (Assiniboine Park/Fort Garry Ringette Association)
- FGRA (Fort Garry Ringette Association)

Many thanks to the volunteers (almost 350 including affiliates' volunteers) that make these sports programs happen.



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### **Facility Use**

FGCC provided long-term space to almost 20 individuals and groups who in turn offered play groups, bridge club, palette club, dance classes, fitness and recreation for seniors, summer day camp and church groups. Over 100 short-term rentals included team wind-ups, meetings, baby showers, bridal showers, birthday parties, farewells and memorials, family reunions, engagement parties, rehearsal dinners, Christmas parties and skating parties.

Community centre events included movie nights, Trivia Night, Victoria Day fireworks (which actually happened in June), Waterfest and social, Halloween dance for teens, November social, winter carnival, shinny tournament and winter social.

### **Operations**

FGCC employed up to 15 staff over the past 12 months, most of them seasonal through the summer and winter months. Our staff is to be commended for a job well done in maintaining the 4 enclosed rinks and the pleasure rinks, especially with the unique winter we had.

Our last AGM gave us 4 new Board members and a new President. Combined with returning Board members and mentoring from those stepping down, our newly structured Board was able to ensure continuity while moving forward.

With the restructuring of our Board resulting in defined areas of Operations, Recreation and Facilities, we were able to better focus our resources, resulting in further modifications to the By-laws and the development of policies that will ensure FGCC operates in a manner that is consistent with good practices of a community centre.

Board members also participated in development workshops including goal-setting, Fire Safety, and AED training.

One of the biggest challenges we face as a Board is the redevelopment of our two sites. We have the framework to undertake this work but we cannot do it alone as a Board...we need residents of the community to be active participants!

Many thanks to returning Board members and to those stepping down. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and the FGCC is a much better facility for our community because of your involvement. We look forward to another great year of serving our community as we continue to move toward our future goals.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Fort Garry Community Centre,  
Susan Belmonte  
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