



## German Canadian Club

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members and friends of the German Canadian Club,

As I write this report, we are about to pass the 14<sup>th</sup> month of the COVID crisis, and I hope that you all are staying healthy and safe. All of Canada has mobilized and is in the process of getting all Canadian residents vaccinated so that we can all get back to some sort of normalcy. Eventually we hope to get on with our lives in a fashion that will allow us to remember COVID as a distant distasteful memory.

The GCC has been closed now since December 2020 and the Provincial lockdown was extended to June 3rd, 2021. All this time the GCC board have been working diligently to ensure the GCC financial obligations are met and that the Club property is safe and secure. To date we have only one client using our Club for a weekly Church service and we are fortunate that this revenue helps pay for a sizable amount of our monthly bills. Sadly, though, we are still having to disburse additional funds to fulfill the remainder of our financial obligations. Friedhelm Hoffmann has stepped into the role of our senior Treasurer, is ensuring our bills are paid on time and all other fiscal responsibilities are met. A tireless job indeed.

I would like to sincerely thank all our members and friends of the GCC for understanding our financial situation and renewing their 2020 and 2021 memberships. An incredibly special thank you to those individuals, many of those that are first time contributors, for being extremely generous in your monetary donations throughout this challenging time. Your continued support will help us enormously to weather this storm until such time that we will be able to get back to fully operational.

At this time, we still do not know exactly when the GCC will be able to open at 100% operation. We are really hoping that this will happen by mid-June. At that time, we hope to offer some form of social activities, like we had in the summer of 2020, on our patio and slowly working toward to fully opening the Club. This is all contingent upon how quickly our members, patrons, visitors, and friends become comfortable enough to frequent the GCC on a regular basis.

I wish to announce that our existing Office Manager Diana Nedvidek has resigned. The GCC wishes Diana all the best in her future endeavors and thanks her for all the work she has done for the GCC.

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In the meantime, Christine Heinemann Gijzen, our past Office Manager, has graciously accepted to help manage the operations of the GCC until such time we have found a replacement.

As many of you know the GCC was not able to have their 2020 AGM due to COVID. The existing Board, that was in place, agreed unanimously to continue in their positions until we were able to have the next AGM. The Board has agreed to convene the 2021 AGM on Sunday June 27 at 2:00 pm, barring any further Provincial health restrictions. As per the Constitution the positions of Vice-President, Treasurer for 2-year terms, Assistant Treasurer, Cashier and 5 Directors for 1-year terms are open for election. In addition, the President position (1-year term) is also open for election, only, since there was no 2020 AGM. The GCC Board has been operating for almost 2 years with an extremely depleted Board and the workload is particularly challenging. We appeal to all our Members and friends to please help in our search for interested individuals that would be willing to enter their name for a position on the GCC Board of Directors. Jürgen Belle, President

# AGM

Annual General Meeting

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WITH ELECTIONS

**June 27, 2021 at 2:00 pm**

**The following positions are due for election this year:**

**President (1 year), Vice-President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Cashier, and five Directors at large.**

If you are considering running for one of the positions, or you know someone who would be good in one of the positions, please inform the German Canadian Club at: (519) 433-2901 or [germanclub1@rogers.com](mailto:germanclub1@rogers.com).

More information regarding the format of this year's AGM will be sent out in June.

### In Memoriam

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the families of  
*Maria Retzer , Max Leisinger,  
Julianna Schaufelberger , Ingrid Blanke &  
Gabriele Blanke*

