



Linden Words

A New General Manager At LWCC

DID YOU KNOW...
 ... citizens of Winnipeg have been challenged to plant a trees on their property, volunteer to help plant a tree, or donate to Tree Canada? This challenge is aimed at replacing our tree canopy that is at risk due to old age, disease, invasive species.
www.Winnipeg.ca/milliontrees

The Board is very happy to welcome **Jordan McGonigal** to the position of General Manager. Jordan brings with him a Bachelor of Recreation Management & Community Development from the University of Manitoba, as well as several years of related experience at 17 Wing Fitness and Recreation Centre, and YMCA of Winnipeg. It is unfortunate that not many of you have been able to meet him yet because the centre has been closed to the public since the day he started, but he looks forward to being fully engaged with the community as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you would like to extend a personal welcome or just say “Hi”, he can be reached at lwcc.manager@shaw.ca or (204)487-2435.

Thank You, Jennifer Zyla

A huge round of applause goes out to **Jennifer Zyla**, who kept the centre going for a couple of months as interim General Manager. Jennifer has worn many volunteer hats at the centre over the last two decades, including Treasurer, President, and Chair of at least two building/future development committees, but this was her first time as an employee. She did such a wonderful job, we recently hired her back as a part-time Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper. Welcome back, Jennifer!

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Linden Woods Community Foundation

We are pleased to announce that the **2019-2020 scholarship** recipients are **Shaylyn Maharaj-Poliah**, a student of Education at the University of Manitoba, and **Sarah Steidl**, a Bachelor of Arts student at the University of Winnipeg. **Congratulations to both!**

Thanks to the generosity of local donors and the management skills of the Winnipeg Foundation, the funds available for scholarships for the next academic year have once again seen a significant increase. The scholarships for 2020-2021 will be at least \$900 each. As the fund continues to grow, we plan to extend the awards to more students, and possibly to more educational institutions as well.

If you would like to add to the scholarship fund, go online at www.wpgfdn.org (search for “Linden Woods Community Foundation Fund”) or www.CanadaHelps.org (search for “Linden Woods Community Foundation”). Cheques payable to “Linden Woods Community Foundation” can be dropped off or mailed to 414 Lindenwood Dr. W, Winnipeg MB R3P 2K5. Charitable donation receipts are issued for all donations received.

Annual General Meeting Report

The LWCC's 2020 Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at the community centre. There was a report by the President on the activities of the previous year, the 2019 financial statements (reviewed by Myers Norris Penny) were presented, and Directors gave annual reports on their activities. There were no changes to the constitution and by-laws.

This was not an election year, but we were very pleased to have three members of the community come forward to fill Board positions that had become vacant. Thank you to our new volunteers: **Reza MirRashed**, Director of House and Grounds; **Curtis Anderson**, Member at Large; **Brandi Burton**, Member at Large. Some of you may remember Brandi, who was the very first summer student hired by the community centre and spent many summers in the canteen, which at the time was the centre of our operations. Welcome back, Brandi!

Since the AGM, **Judy Tozeland** has been appointed President of the Board. (See 'About Us' on our website)

Basketball Convenor Needed

The success of our youth sports programs can be attributed to the very many, hard working, dedicated volunteers. Our basketball programs is currently in need of a convenor, to oversee the delivery of the program. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact **Judy** at lwcc.president@shaw.ca or **Julie** at jbubnick@shaw.ca

President's Message

It is a privilege to serve on the Linden Woods community club board. We have a remarkable group of people presently volunteering their time and talents to the center. We have some exciting new initiatives beginning which are outlined in detail in this newsletter.

A special welcome to **Jordan McGonigal** who has begun as general manager under very unique and unusual circumstances. Welcome to **Jennifer Zyla** who made a huge contribution after our previous manager left and Jordan's start. Thank you to **Asitha Gajaweera** for so ably filling in as interim president. He did an amazing and most appreciated job.

A special thanks to the new board members for their time and enthusiasm. Our present board is an exceptional group of people who have created fresh ideas and consistent input into the services offered by the center.

I had been serving as the seniors representative to the board up until now. We are looking for a replacement for that position. If anyone is interested please contact myself at **204-228-8353**.
Judy Tozeland

Summer Jobs & Camps

Thanks to grants from the Manitoba Green Team program, we have received sufficient funding to hire four summer camp counselors and one grounds keeper. The hiring process began in earnest, and the planning for the summer camps was completed.

Camp registrations are now open. For dates and fees, check our web site at www.lindenwoodsc.com.



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Our COVID19 Story

You may be wondering how the community centre has fared during the COVID-19 pandemic, and what has been going on behind those locked front doors.

Under the direction of the City of Winnipeg, the building was closed in the middle of March, necessitating the cancellation of all indoor programs and rentals. During the first two weeks of the shut down, we were able to retain the part-time employees to do a very thorough “spring cleaning” from one end of the building to the other, and sanitizing all surfaces that could be sanitized. The part-time employees were released at the end of March, the new General Manager started on April 6, and cleaning, fixing, organizing, planning activities continued. It has been busy!



Financially, we have taken a hit but we are fortunate in having a good cash reserve that has prevented hardship. Rental and program revenues have been reduced to zero, prepaid rentals were refunded, as were all soccer and basketball spring registrations. The City of Winnipeg operating grant remains in place, and we qualify for the wage subsidy programs, so we are paying the bills and making payroll on time.

There are additional costs around re-opening, such as signage, sanitizing supplies, and extra cleaning products, but we are well positioned to absorb them all.

We look forward to unlocking the doors and welcoming you back. In the meantime, the tennis courts, outdoor basketball, and spray pad are open, and outdoor pickle ball has started up

Renovations On The Horizon

The Linden Woods Community Centre has recently been awarded a **Community Centre Renovation Grant** of \$100,000 by the City of Winnipeg. The purpose of the grant is twofold: update the canteen, making it compliant with the City’s Universal Design and Accessibility standards; replace one of the original furnaces in the original part of the building which was built in 1997.

The canteen will be essentially gutted, redesigned, and equipped with new cabinetry, appliances, and air conditioning. Yes, the canteen will finally get air conditioning - no more melted chocolate bars during the summer months!

The new furnace was required to bring air conditioning to the canteen, but it also services the main viewing/skate change area which will now also be air conditioned. As a result of this change, the entire building will be air conditioned. No more seeking refuge in the gym or multi-purpose room during the hot summer months!

A smaller part of the renovation project will be purchasing a commercial dishwasher for the kitchen (in the new part of the building, off the gym). This will enable us to repurpose the kitchen from storage use back to a kitchen with a commercial license for limited uses (i.e. no grilling or frying). It is a large kitchen which will now be available for community centre events, as well as for rentals for personal baking (there are two ovens), commercial food preparation, or maybe even small cooking classes.

Linden Woods Community Centre Board

*Posted on our website “About Us” tab

We're on Facebook, Twitter &
www.LindenWoodsCC.com



Founding Donor Wall

There have been a few queries over the last couple of years about what happened to the donor plaques on the wall opposite the canteen, just inside the original main entrance to the building.

They were taken down to facilitate renovation projects and painting, and now we are ready to return them to a wall of visual prominence. However, rather than re-establishing the donor wall in the same fashion, we would like some assistance from a local volunteer who would be willing to re-imagine what our donor wall would look like. Is this your area of expertise?

If this is the kind of volunteer project that interests you, and you have the time to help, please contact **Julie Bubnick** at jbubnick@shaw.ca or (204)488-1550.



Sport, Play, Leisure – Community Centre Grounds

What's in a BIN? Make the right choice...

On-Leash Dog Park

Are these **BINS** of 'disposal' around LWCC misunderstood?

-**Donation Bins** in the parking lot are for **CLOTHING ONLY** - Not toys, not household items, not books. Other organizations who have distribution processes in place will gladly repurpose your other donations. Bin capacity issues will be minimized when proper items are deposited.

-**Recycle Bins** are for **Items Pictured** on the bin **ONLY** - Not diapers, not sticks, not foam/fast-food wrappers. Not all recycle programs are equal, as different companies contract for different recyclables. Please take note of what **IS** and **IS NOT** accepted, to ensure the batch of recycling is NOT contaminated and ultimately rerouted to landfill.

-**Garbage Bins** are for **ALL other items** - or when in doubt.

Linden Woods Community Centre grounds are maintained primarily for the purposes of community sport, play and leisure activities. While enjoying this area, dogs are to remain on-leash and picked-up after.



The **Brenda Leipsic Dog Parkers Facebook Page** has or maps, access details COVID19 protocols, etc. for the closest off-leash park.