

## **TLBC PRESIDENT'S REPORT: AGM 2022**

Welcome everyone. I last spoke to you in a meeting like this at our Semi-Annual General Meeting in April. At that time I predicted that the 2022 summer bowling season would be limited but still good. And it has been. We held fewer social events than we normally would, we had no visitations and we held no tournaments. We learned to live without a normal full clubhouse and to pee in a porta potty or trot down to the Aquatic Center washrooms when nature called.

But through it all we bowled and as a club we grew. We were blessed with many new members who are already adding to our club. We held all of our championship and trophy events.

The rapid growth of new members presented some challenges but overall, thanks to the goodwill of our continuing members, we met those challenges. We need to continue to exert an effort to welcome these newer members into our club and fully integrate them. They are our future.

Next year will be very different from the past three years. But it will not be a return to "business as usual" as it was for the Club during the years leading up to 2020 and the pandemic. Moving to our new complex is very exciting and will be great but it too will present challenges as we adjust to a new normal in our new facilities. I believe that it will take us until at least 2024 before we are settled in and new patterns of use develop.

The construction of the clubhouse is about four months behind schedule. It is substantially complete but the general contractor still has to complete some deficiencies. The construction supervisor is confident that the building will be ready for use by the end of November.

Your executive was given a tour of the building yesterday. Simply stated, it is magnificent. The clubhouse and green will provide us with a lovely home for many, many years to come and is sure to be the envy of other bowling clubs.

The construction of the artificial green is on or ahead of schedule. Accordingly, I am confident that we will move into our new facility on or about

April 1 next year. Until then, through the winter we will continue to bowl on our current natural grass green when weather permits. Hopefully Kin Village's lack of progress in construction will continue through the winter so our parking is not disrupted.

We still do not have a final Licence Agreement with the City for our use of the new complex. The City has dragged its feet somewhat in this regard. We continue to have a disagreement with the City as to the type and amount of use the Club will have in the new clubhouse in the winter. The City views the building as a multipurpose facility and we view it as our clubhouse. The good news is that the City recognizes that we should have exclusive use of the entire facility each year from April 1 to October 31, and that we will have exclusive use during the remaining months of the green and those portions of the building needed to bowl in the winter, that is the locker room, the storage room which will contain our scoreboards, bowls, etc and our administrative office. We remain in discussion over the use of the meeting room and kitchen during the winter.

I want to thank each and every member of the current Board. They all work hard and make my job as President so much easier. The Board is now very experienced and that also makes life easier for the entire Board. If I am allowed to serve a third term it will be my privilege and honour to do so with the proposed continuing and new members of the Board.