

Progress Report – Editor and VP
Hunt Club Community Association

Interests and Motivation

I joined the HCCA in 2015 as editor of the newsletter – Hunt Club: My Community when Christine Johnson indicated that she was stepping down as editor. I had been retired for 8 years and was looking for more involvement in the community. Immediately I became aware that the association needed to do more to encourage residents to engage with it.

I had noticed that there were joint events with the local community association related to the Greenboro Community Centre posted at the centre. I wondered why the HCCA wasn't working with the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre (HCRPCC) to co-host public events for residents.

I met with the director of the HCRPCC and asked what events the HCCA could do jointly with the centre. He immediately said, "Revive the fall festival". And we did. We held an annual fall festival co-hosted by the HCCA, the HCRPCC, the South East Ottawa Community Health Centre (SEOCHC) and Riverside Park Community Association.

And:

- Everything was free
- There was food
- Entertainment
- Information booths
- Games and bouncy castles for the kids

People came from the whole community and found out about their political representatives, the Community Associations and more. In 2017 the HCCA partnered with SEOCHC to apply for a grant from the City for a 150th anniversary of Confederation celebration. HCCA basically wrote the grant application, and we got the maximum amount of \$9,000.

Covid unfortunately has paused this celebration but soon it will be safe to do it again. Don't let it die. Keep it going. We need to keep finding ways to engage our community and to do so, we need to secure more stable funding. We did apply for sustainability funding but were not successful. There are other sources to be explored.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve my community. I will still participate in specific projects and support the community association.

Regards,
Sue McCarthy
Outgoing Vice President