

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO VWCA MEMBERS

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To say that it has been a year of growth for the Victoria West Community Association would be true but an under representation the excitement and energy that has taken over the Association, its projects and the Victoria West Community Centre this year. In the pages of this annual report you will read about many community events, new programs and initiatives of the Centre, and Association committee activities that together contribute to the essence of what makes Victoria West the best neighbourhood in Victoria to live and recreate in.

We are an association of 400+ strong and many of us have been touched by the activities of the Association in the past year. Whether it was at the Vic West Fest in the spring, the Swim Fest in the summer, or the Corn Roast in the fall, in coming together to recreate and celebrate we have felt the strength of our community. These and other activities that bring us together would not be possible without the participation of many volunteers—the life blood of our organization—the staff of the Victoria West Community Centre, and most importantly community members who participate in and support our many activities.

The Centre is staffed by one energetic and creative full time manager, Kate Longpre, and two part time staff, Cherie Miltmore and Jamie Boyd. Our small but efficient staff has increased program offerings at the Centre for all age groups and touched on many of the interests expressed by the community. The Centre has also welcomed a diverse rental clientele and serves as home for community development activities including Place Making events, community dinners, video nights, community forums and other community gatherings.

During the year we said good bye to directors Brooke Hayes and Ruben Bronee while we now say “Good-bye and a very big thank you.” to Brittany Gamble-Simms and Joy Illington who are not standing for re-election. Along with four board members who will be serving second years of their terms, the nominating committee is presenting five nominees for election.

Please join in celebrating the growth and vitality of the Victoria West Community Association today and into the future. In the New Year you will be invited to participate in a visioning session lead by Lisa Helps where together we will draft a “Declaration of Principles and Values” to guide the organization in its development. Until then, a special thank you for your support and involvement in the Victoria West Community Association.

Nan Judd
President