



St. Catharines Rowing Club  
Annual Meeting January 20, 2022  
Vice President Special Projects Report

The past year, 2021 was not exactly what we had hoped and planned. However, despite the various COVID-19 restrictions and protocols, we can look back on a year with good rowing and fun events. Thanks to Captain Jim Marino, our team of volunteer coaches, Marion Markarian's hugely successful Youth Rowing School, and the opening of the Henley Island Helpers patio, we have many good memories of 2021.

### **EVENTS**

With thanks to Kate Hingston, we had two successful events at the HIH Patio. The first, in July, hosted by Rick Crooker, was a thank-you to our coaches – so well attended. The second was a visit from Kristen Kit, coxswain of the Women's Gold Medal Eight at the 2020 (in 2021) Tokyo Olympics. Kristen, who rowed for Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School and for St. Catharines, talked about her experience with the National Team and the Olympics, and spent time circulating and chatting with our U17 AND U19 athletes.

We are hoping that COVID protocols will allow us to have 2022 Tag Day and a Mother's Day Plant Sale in May, a Christening in June, "Come Home to Henley" in August, and the Captain's Dinner in November. Two of these events help raise funds, the others are more social and allow us to say thank-you and recognize the rowing community for the contribution made to SCRC and rowing in St. Catharines – all these events are important and have been missed.

### **SPONSORS**

THANK YOU to the 18 generous sponsors who continue to support SCRC. Revenue from sponsors reached \$10,000.00 in 2021. We have new contacts in mind and are optimistic we can grow this support in 2022.

### **GRANTS**

SCRC applied to the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) for three grants in 2021. One was successful and one was not. We will hear the results of the third application around April 1, 2022. OTF will be announcing a new round of capital opportunities shortly and we will look closely at applying again.

We received a grant of \$3,420.00 from Service Canada to hire a summer employee for eight weeks. We have applied for 2022 and are hoping for a grant to fund a summer employee for 13 weeks.



## **Row Ontario AWARDS**

### **Award for Perseverance and Resilience through COVID-19:**

Henley Island Helpers' Breakfast Patio

### **Long Service Awards:**

- 35 Years: Michelle Kerr, Janet Lancaster, Carl MacCulloch
- 25 Years: Michele Fisher, Louise Hastings, Carol Purcer
- 20 years: Tracey Newman

### **Volunteer Recognition Certificates:**

Christiina Donley, Kate Hingston, Rob Jansen, Tami Lyons, Clara McAlpine, Peter Sharpe, Dave White

### **Rowing Canada Aviron AWARD Nominations:**

Awards are to be announced at the RCA semi-annual meeting, January 28-30, 2022.

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### **Lifetime Achievement Award: TBA!!**

In closing, I would like to thank Rick and the members of the Board for their support and counsel during the past year. We all hope that 2022 will see the end of COVID-19 and are confident that SCRC will continue to row and have another great season – no matter how things roll out!

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Hastings  
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