

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you celebrated the start to 2019 in good spirits with family and friends and I sincerely hope that the new year brings you and your loved ones many moments of love, laughter, celebration and good health.

As you may know, a few months ago a new Community Advisory Council (CAC) was formed following the elections that were held within the UEL which occur every four years, concurrent with municipal elections.

Your new CAC representatives for the four UEL Areas are as follows:

Area A: Kaity Arsoniadis-Stein, Lynne Pomfret

Area B: Michael Karton

Area C: Judie Davis Glick

Area D: Mojan Nozari, Claire Huxtable, Dan Johnstone

I am looking forward to working with the members of the newly established CAC. Just after a few meetings, I can see that the members who are volunteering their time in the service of our neighbourhood are very dedicated and have already started contributing in a meaningful way.

I would like to thank Dave Forsyth, Jaymie Ho and Jonn Braman who have taken the time to get me acquainted with the current issues and procedures and to other past council members who have been very gracious in offering their assistance. We truly have a collaborative community that genuinely cares. It is this strong feeling of community that is the driving force behind my contribution to the CAC.

Standing now in the shoes of Dave Forsyth, the previous President, is truly a tall task. Dave has led the CAC for numerous years providing strong leadership and ensuring that even the most contentious issues were addressed and that residents were represented in a transparent and democratic manner. I have a lot to learn as I assume my new role, and I hope like Dave, I can bring passion and inspiration to the new council, as we move forward in a positive and constructive way. I am also looking forward to working with Dianne Owen, CAC's newly hired part-time administrative assistant.

The CAC has formal meetings, once a month, that are open to the public. I encourage attendance and participation as we work together to better our community.

I also ask that if you have a specific issue of concern, that you voice this at the meetings as well as submit **a one-page note of the concern, at the start of the meeting. I will attach your note to the meeting minutes in order to formally register the concern.**

Together we can collaborate to find innovative solutions to both new and old challenges that arise.

It is a privilege to serve you.

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