

Chairman's Report – 2021

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2021 was yet another year impacted by Covid-19. It was difficult to schedule classes amid closures and ever-changing health protocols. The Association was closed for almost 9 months and saw a slow return of members in September. Closure resulted in a deficit budget but savings and grants from the Fed and Prov governments prevented a greater deficit.

Tremendous support from the City - reduced rent by 50% for the year and we successfully completed our licensing agreement for the next four year. Health and safety of a members and staff were our first priority.

Your Board and Executive Director were in continuous contact with each other ensuring the latest Covid restrictions were followed and the centre was safely available to our members whenever possible. Your Executive Director, Susan Mann, was instrumental in developing Covid guidelines for CLSA which in turn was adopted by other Senior Centre's in the City.

CLSA staff did a great job informing you, the member, of the status of classes, health protocols etc. and keeping CLSA open whenever safe to do so.

I would also like to thank Dawn Linman, Facility Supervisor for her continued guidance and generous support of our staff and association, Custodian Cheryl for ensuring the building is always fresh and clean, and our own Kelly Clark, who circulated throughout our space - sanitizing and cleaning and keeping us safe from COVID germs.

I would also like to thank you for your loyalty through these tough times. Thank you to the Board for your continuous support during the year and to Susan and staff for their great work in steering through the ups and downs of the year!

It was a honor to be your Chair for the past year. Thank you and good luck to the Board members graduating this year and all the success to the new board members in the coming year!

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Horrigan