

President's Report
Annual General meeting 2020-21

To all members of the Club, and the greater Peterborough community,

With the news of the Trillium grant last week, as well as the earlier Jump Start grant from Canadian Tire, we have been given another reason to be grateful for the great good fortune of being part of a country, a province, a community which has been able to keep grassroots soccer alive in the face of the Covid disruptions. From the Provincial government, national corporations, the many volunteers, the sacrifices of the parents, the surrender of the fees and honorariums. It is clear to me that the selfless efforts of the many have kept alive the recreation of the few. These are the most important few, for these are our kids, our future. It is through programs like we offer at Peterborough City Soccer Club that we ensure our kids maintain their physical and emotional health. For it is through this, that our children may be socialized into a healthy environment and become the citizens and leaders in our community of tomorrow.

It is my deeply considered opinion that we are a community first, who, it so happens, uses the sport of soccer as the glue which bonds us all together. Before covid tested these bonds, our board was looking for ways to bring a stronger social element to our club in the interest of increased community spirit--something that has been eroded in the recent decades. I believe that if we work toward building the bonds within and between teams, between parents and coaches, and between the board and the greater community, the success we enjoy as a club will be measured in the smiles, the sweat, and the laughter of our kids and the pride of the parents and coaches. If we bring the joy of the game and the satisfaction of our community, the success on the field will necessarily grow.

I thank my fellow board members for choosing me for the 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award. I accept it on the condition that it is recognized as an award for the board entire. It is not individuals who make things happen in this world; it is the work of the many. The board has worked as a unit, with every individual meeting every challenge with grace and a conviction to do right by the club, the community, and the kids. The honour is shared, and the honour is mine to serve the club in the capacity granted to me by the grace of its members.

Respectfully,

Dan Moore
President PCSA