



*Vice President's Report,
September, 2021*

(Song Cue "With a Little Help From My Friends" (Beatles, 1968))

For the past 22 months I have had the privilege of serving as the Vice President of the PCSA Board of Directors. To say it hasn't been an easy period of time, would be an understatement. I could write a paragraph of cliché phrases that could describe the 40th and 41st years of this club: "Unprecedented, uncertain, trying, etc." are on the top of the list I really don't want to hear, leave alone write about. The bottom line is that we made it through 2020 and most of 2021 . . . "with a little help from our friends."

Many people have contributed to the successful operation of the club during this period. As I am not permitted to submit a full scale novel as my report, I would like to acknowledge a few of these contributions (in no particular order of importance). My gratitude to:

- *Dan Moore (President) for his outstanding leadership in the face of extreme adversity and the unknown. Thank you for leading by example and making hard decisions with wisdom and patience and a desire to do what is best for our players;*
- *Leslee Bax (President of ECOSA) for her leadership, and her endless ability to deal with the politics within soccer, health units, and Peterborough City with equanimity so that our players may return to the pitch and play the beautiful game;*
- *Sonja Patel (Registrar of PCSA) for her organization and thoroughness at all times, and in all circumstances;*
- *Biren Patel (Director of Coaching) and Fevri Pazari (Administrator of PCSA) for going over and beyond their job descriptions. For doing things that make a difference to the emotional, physical and social environment of club, the families, and the physical spaces we use;*
- *Dale Bolton (Treasurer) who has freely and unselfishly been part of the Board of Directors for many many years despite her very full personal and professional life;*
- *Chris Entwistle, Jennifer Crawford, Leigh Proctor, Todd Barr, Leah Scott, fellow members of the Board of Directors who did everything and anything to keep the club afloat and functional during some very difficult days;*
- *Coaches, assistant coaches and managers, who have continued to support the players, and their families not only with words, but kindness and meaningful actions;*
- *Last, but most importantly, our players and their families for their understanding when difficult decisions were made.*

For those I've forgotten to mention by name, I ask for your indulgence and extend my thanks and gratitude for your support, kind words and virtual hugs to let us know that you were there to help on and off the pitch.

Leanne McLaughlin, Vice President, PCSA