



## **PETERBOROUGH CITY SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

### **President's Report AGM 2023**

To the valued members of our club,

There is much to celebrate and take pride in this past season of 2023. It is our third year of organic growth including the largest ever turnout for tryouts, and we project the largest ever membership for the 2024 season. At the same time, the club has remained fiscally responsible and stable.

We must celebrate our successes on the field. The U14, U15, and U16 girls teams all won their divisions in the DRSA. The Women also won the regional OWSL east division. Two of our boys teams, the U14s and U15s, were the first teams to represent Peterborough City in the iModel, and both teams earned promotion to the first division (C1) in the Central Region. Our development program continues to thrive which should feed the future competitive programs with more talent. For this we praise our coaches.

We must celebrate our off field successes as well. Our tournaments, the ETT program, and our Summer Camp each have been profitable, which gives us a revenue stream independent of registration fees. While our tournament has always been profitable, the Summer Camp has evolved from a break-even proposition to one of significant revenue. The hard work of our DOC, our Administrator, and our tournament chair has created a healthy revenue stream for our facility and development funds. This gives us flexibility as we continue to apply for Trillium Grants in hopes of refurbishing the clubhouse and its immediate surroundings. For this we praise our administrative team.

Still there are challenges to face: The inflationary pressure makes it hard to keep our registration fees as low as they are. Our field costs have almost tripled since the City began charging us for training. The way the leagues have changed has made scheduling and registration considerably more work. Referee shortages are still projected. For our off season training, the lack of an indoor facility has created inequities between us and the other clubs and limits the program we can offer.

In the face of these challenges, we must be diligent, creative and humble. We must be diligent in working with the City, the leagues, the district, the referees branch and other organizations to resolve the issues we can. We must be brave enough to dream, to create a vision of what is possible, so that we may extend our progressive grasp to what could be. However, we must also have the humility to hold onto our identity as a grassroots club of a modest, second-level power. We create character as much as we foster talent. We are as much a social club as a soccer club. For I believe that without strengthening our bonds as a community, we cannot grow our club competitively.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Moore". The signature is stylized, with a large, looped "D" and "M", and a cursive "Gore" for the last name.

Dan Moore  
President PCSA  
2019-present

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