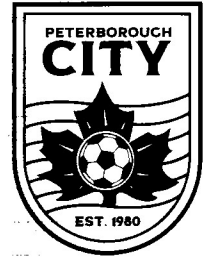


President's Report 2025



To the valued members of our club,

There is much to celebrate and take pride in this past season of 2025. It marks our fifth season of organic growth and, once again, we achieved the largest-ever turnout for tryouts totaling 753 participants (71 more pre-registrations than last year). We continue to grow in overall membership, although it has slowed to roughly 2%, down from 5%. This may be because we are nearing the carrying capacity of a club in this region; it may be the same demographic dip experienced by our elementary schools. For the 2026 season, however, we project the largest-ever membership consisting of approximately 600 players and 37 teams in total.

For the 2026 season, we have maintained our Quality Soccer Provider license, remaining the only club in ECOSA to have attained this gold standard with Ontario Soccer. This allows us to field six iModel teams this coming summer, growing our participation in the iModel leagues by two teams. In addition to this, we have signed an affiliation agreement with Peterborough Youth Soccer ^{Club} Association in hopes of supporting our DRSL teams. This will allow us to call-up during the season and recruit players for our teams in the longer term. This has been a successful strategy of resource sharing: PYSC supports us as a feeder system, and we provide technical support for their coaches and players. We are working together to grow the sport in the City of Peterborough.

In off-field collaboration, we have worked with the PYSC to explore the possibility of building a much-needed indoor facility for the region, meeting with both private and public officials. A private enterprise, at this time, seems the least likely. We would need to secure ~10 million dollars in order to make this happen. At this time, it seems beyond our capacity financially and on a human resource level. There has been, however, some progress made with the City, and we hope the proposed facility will get approval in the 2026 budget, breaking ground in 2027. My crystal ball remains too clouded to say whether this is over-optimistic. Nevertheless, there have been positive signs of movement. In the meantime, while we are waiting on the indoor facility, the City will be upgrading our fields and the Eastgate facilities, renovating the washrooms and changing rooms in time for next season.

Over this past year, our tournaments, the ETT program and our Summer Camp each have been profitable, which gives us a revenue stream independent of registration fees. This money is used to support our City Cares Fund which makes playing possible for those children without the financial resources. 20 players received support. This additional revenue from our semi-autonomous enterprises also allows us to also make much-needed upgrades to our facilities, such as the new floor in the clubhouse.

This winter, our Enhanced Technical Training has expanded once again, providing additional training to 149 players, an increase of 30 players over last year. We have also piloted a new league, the Enhanced Training League. This is a futsal-based program that provides a less structured environment, allowing players to simply play and encouraging organic development by increasing the invaluable number of touches—especially touches under pressure. The calibre and intensity is higher than can be achieved in the house league, while we optimize for fun as well as development.

Before I sign off, we need also to reflect on the struggles and the challenges ahead. There still remains inflationary pressure which makes it hard to keep our registration fees as low as they are. In addition, the administrative demands of iModel and the growing bureaucracy of OS have increased the number of hours spent dealing with tasks ranging from registration to field scheduling. We are also a club who will likely reach gross revenues of \$1 million dollars by 2030, if not sooner. It will depend on the indoor facility—a much needed facility, yes, but even with municipal funding, it will be expensive. This higher level of responsibility will demand greater accountability, and we have structured the club accordingly by making our administrative team more robust and, where necessary, remunerating staff in proportion to the joyful burdens of a growing and improving club.

On the brink of 2026, we move forward, confident that the friendships we make on and off the field will inspire us to be a more connected club in the name of soccer.

Dan Moore
President PCSA
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