

# VIEWPOINT 50

## YEAR IN REVIEW

2018



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## **GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

We are truly a remarkable community at 50 Quebec Avenue! Over the past 12 months on the board I took the opportunity to get more immersed in the day-to-day life and times and activities of our building. It's true 50 Quebec stands out noticeably amongst the thousands of condo buildings in our city. Why? It's not only because of our location, large units and balconies which admittedly is a big draw. More importantly, what makes us really special is that our building is a "meeting place", a "community at our fingertips". We interact with neighbours, find people who share interests and ideas via our many committees, establish relationships, get involved in our own building's needs, help out, engage in activities, gather for events and parties – well, we even line-dance together! From all accounts this is the best possible life for any resident in a huge city like Toronto.

This is all possible because of you and your active participation in all things 50 Quebec!

Looking back on the year on the board and all its activities, meetings, overseeing our building's needs, budget and finances including new or renewal contracts, new or scheduled repairs, staff management or planning ahead, it made for a busy year. It's all good though, and as I already mentioned at our AGM, there wasn't a dull moment yet! Things got done.

With Isan Murat, our building manager, the long list of to-do items for the year were addressed and completed. Our 04 and 06 units have shiny new windows and with the winter winds blowing it should have already made a big difference. I noticed it myself with the new door in our meeting room. It is doing its job – no

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more cold nasty winds blowing in on all sides while doing yoga. We were lucky to hook into the elusive energy saving program before the new Ontario government cancelled it, and are replacing our Booster Pumps and the LED lights in the garage at a considerable cost saving. The saunas got fresh paint and some much-needed repairs with more to come. On and on it goes. We also have an easy and quick way of communicating with the board via [webmaster@ycc323.com](mailto:webmaster@ycc323.com) should you wish to email us.

We have also dealt with a rather complex and unfortunate staff change and are very grateful for our residents' support and understanding during this challenging time. The board, and we trust you too, are pleased to see that Carlos Rosas, Superintendent, and Violeta Florae, Assistant Superintendent, have professionally and efficiently stepped into their new roles.

In a building of our size with 192 units plus our townhouses (some 500 people or more), there is always plenty to look after 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. I know you will join me in expressing our thanks, appreciation and respect for our management and staff's dedication to the building and our needs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, all the best for the Holidays and Happy Winter!

Elisabeth Bihl  
President, YCC323



*Joyeux Noël et bonne et heureuse année a tous et toutes!*

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## CELEBRATE THE SEASON

YCC323's annual Celebrate the Season event was held on December 13<sup>th</sup> and was very well attended. Friends and neighbours chatted over wine and other drinks, while nibbling on cheese, fruit, and hot hors d'oeuvres. It was well past the 9:00 p.m. closing time before everyone left, which says something about the party (we're not sure what)!

The Board would like to thank the Neighbours Committee, which handled the catering this year. A special thank-you to Carole Beamish, Jean Cormier and Laurie Godin for preparing the food and keeping the tables well stocked. And where would we be without our very own Isan Murat (pick-up and delivery) and Carlos Rosas and Violeta Florea (set up and general all-round helping). Thank you all!!

See you again next year!



### GREETINGS FROM MANAGEMENT AND STAFF:

*Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!*

*from Isan, Carlos and Violeta ...*







## AD HOC COMMITTEES

*Ad hoc* committees are committees that were created for a specific purpose, and when that purpose is fulfilled, they cease to be active. Although YCC323 has a number of committees that are currently inactive, they have not been disbanded. Instead, their members stand ready to reconvene if and when needed. In the meantime, no meetings are held and no reports are forthcoming. The following are our current *ad hoc* committees:

- Health & Safety Committee
- Library Committee
- Nominations Committee

One more committee is now ready to join the *ad hoc* group – see its final report later in this edition:

- Grenadier Square Construction Monitoring Committee



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## ART COMMITTEE

The Art Committee of *GALLERY 50* have enjoyed taking submissions and hanging the last two shows. We have had very positive feedback from the residents. And I am sure you will agree that with creative work on the walls the room has a lot more ambiance.

Our goal is to have 3 shows for photographs and 3 for paintings within a 12-month span. The shows will be up for 4 to 5 weeks, followed by 3 or 4 weeks with bare walls. That way the residents will appreciate the exhibit more when it goes up! We will continue to do this as long as we have submissions. If our residents are not forthcoming, then we will open it up to the other two buildings at 80 and 100 Quebec.

I would like to mention that we need all artwork and photos to be ready for hanging, preferably with eyes and wire on the back.

We have many talented people living here, so please keep your great work coming and let the rest of us enjoy it too for a little while!





## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

There are many forms of communication in today's busy world – newspaper, magazines, radio, TV, web podcasts, Facebook, Instagram etc. The committee has and will continue to review these options with the intention of advancing the information flow to our building residents.

This is a challenge as our community dynamic continues to evolve. The younger generation's main method of communicating is usually portable: iPad, smart phone and tablets. This allows instantaneous information based on the person's interest.

Newspapers, magazines, TV and radio, along with internet access, appeal to a slightly more mature audience. This group uses mobile phones mainly for emergency calls. Verbal communication and “face to face” is important to them; the various social events held in the building attest to this.

Several of our residents have a very low comfort level with and for any form of modern technology. Providing immediate information to this group is problematic. Friends and relatives are instrumental in keeping these folks informed.

The committee attempts to address the varied information needs of all our residents. We would, therefore, request your comments on how we can improve our reporting. Even better, would you be willing to offer your expertise to the building?





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P.S.: don't forget to check our website:



A digital version of this newsletter (in all its glorious colours) is available on the YCC323 website ([www.ycc323.com](http://www.ycc323.com)).



## **CONSTRUCTION MONITORING COMMITTEE**

Even before building activity started on the Grenadier Square property (Spring 2017), the Board established the Construction Monitoring Committee in September 2016 to help the 50 Quebec community cope with the impending construction and demolition work on the site.

In pursuit of its mandate the Committee spent the first few months gathering information on the rules governing construction activity. Committee members met with the ward Councillor (at the time Sarah Doucette) and the developer's staff. Based on these discussions the Committee prepared a complaints management guide to show residents how to direct complaints to the right city department or developer's office in order to get results. These were distributed door-to-door. We also held information sessions with residents about the complaint procedures. The

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idea behind this initiative was to empower residents to complain directly to the authorities in an effective way.

During the past two years or so the major issues arising from the Grenadier Square construction were: truck traffic, trucks lining up on Quebec Avenue, trucks moving in before 7:00 am, construction activity outside permitted hours, late night construction lights, excessive noise and vibration and concrete dust. The Committee and 50 Quebec residents have from time to time taken up these issues with the developer's staff and the city as well as the councillor's office.

In the last several months construction work has moved indoors, and construction related concerns have diminished. As a result, the Committee has wound down its activities.

Residents should not, however, hesitate to bring their construction related complaints to the attention of the city by calling the Toronto City Call Centre at telephone number 311. This direct action is in keeping with the procedures promoted by the Committee.

The Committee and the 50 Quebec community, by holding the feet of the Grenadier Square developers to the fire, have had a moderating influence on that company's behaviour, thus mitigating some of the adverse effects of its construction activity.





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If 350 residents at YCC323 left the tap on while brushing, we would waste approximately 1,159,200 gallons of water each year. So please turn the tap off! Our water bill will soon reflect our conservation efforts.



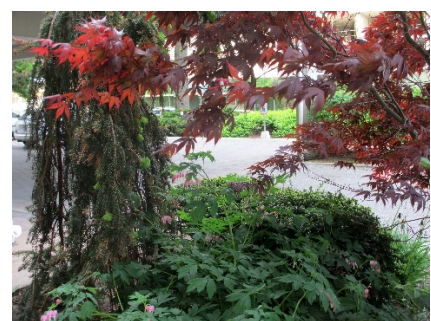
### **LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE**

As everyone can see the gardens are entering or are already in a dormant state!

The weeding committee has done a marvelous job this year! It is a big job keeping up with the weeds especially in such a large garden. There are some concerns about the number of weeds and the upkeep. The board and landscape committee will be addressing these concerns in the new year.

The new building construction does not seem to have affected the gardens, and once the neighbouring building is completed, plans for the Quebec Avenue gardens will be reviewed and implemented.

On the whole residents are very pleased with the gardens and their care again this year.





## **NEIGHBOURS COMMITTEE**

The Neighbours Committee will be continuing with its ongoing projects: Afternoon Teas, Sunday Movie Night, and Monday Morning Walking Group.

The Toronto Police Services presentation in November on 'Fraud' was well attended. If you missed there are handouts by the mailboxes.

Afternoon teas: We are always looking for speakers or ideas for speakers. Please contact Management.

And we are always looking for new ideas and new members.



### **Residents Assisting Residents**

The core of what it means to be a community is that we care about and for one another.

I have personally experienced so much kindness and care from both my immediate neighbours and others in our building, and have heard of many similar experiences



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by others, that I feel confident most residents would agree there is a real sense of being part of a ‘community’ here at 50 Quebec Ave.

Thank-you for all the ways in which you have already shown care and concern for your neighbours.

The Neighbours Committee is offering yet another way for our community to be caring, through the “Residents Assisting Residents” initiative which we would like to start as of January 2019. This initiative will endeavor to connect those requiring or wanting assistance and/or support when they have medical appointments with volunteers who are willing to provide it.

One example of the type of medical appointment where assistance might be needed is an eye examination or treatment. As a result of drops that are administered, there is often blurring of vision that makes it difficult to travel home safely alone afterwards. Having someone along could be crucial for the person’s safety and might even be a requirement for treatment to proceed.

So, please consider whether assistance and support when you have a medical appointment would be helpful to you, or whether this is assistance you might be willing to offer to others in our community.

For further information, to volunteer, or to be connected to a volunteer, please contact Renate at 416-769-9939.



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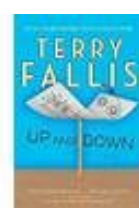
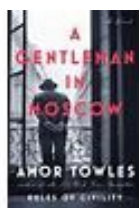
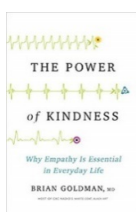
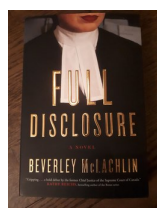
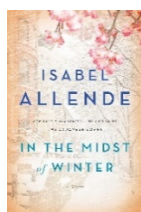
**Have fun! Join a Club!**



**BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS – JANUARY TO JUNE 2019**

<b><u>MEETING DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>AUTHOR</u></b>
January 15, 2019	IN THE MIDST OF WINTER	Isabel Allende
February 19, 2019	FULL DISCLOSURE	Beverly McLachlin
March 19, 2019	THE POWER OF KINDNESS	Brian Goldman
April 16, 2019	A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW	Amor Towles
May 21, 2019	THE SENSE OF AN ENDING	Julian Barnes
June 18, 2019	UP AND DOWN	Terry Fallis

Please note: The day for meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.



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## WANTED

### ... CARD ENTHUSIASTS ...

... for friendly & challenging games of cards, in our beautiful Library ...

**BRIDGE** – Tuesday afternoons, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

**EUCHRE** – Wednesday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

... if you are an old hand – or are willing to learn – you're welcome to join ...

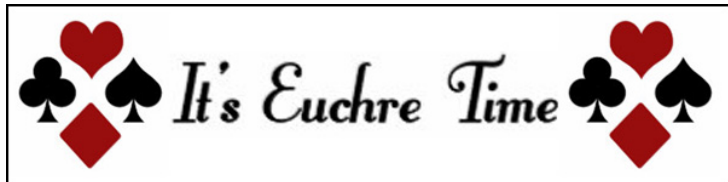
## COME PLAY WITH US!



### BRIDGE CLUB

The bridge club is still going strong even though it would be great to have new members. Friends come from outside the condo and are very welcome! We meet every Tuesday afternoon for a couple of hours starting at 1:30 in the Library. We simply enjoy the game without keeping score! There are lots of conversations about a variety of topics; that's why we call it social bridge. We even had two grand slams one recent afternoon!!

Coffee is served along with 'goodies' of all kinds! So if you are bored at home on a Tuesday afternoon, join us for some painless bridge playing!! If you haven't played for many years and you enjoy the game, take a risk, come along!!!



## EUCHRE CLUB

Every Wednesday evening if you happen to be passing by 50 Quebec and glance in the window, you might catch sight of "The Euchre Players" in action. Do not be surprised to see a player walking around a chair, one waving and making a funny face at the window, and other antics which make for a fun filled one and a half hours in our Library. Having said that, it should be noted that we play to win! Competitiveness rules! However, the spirit is friendly and welcoming ... no scolding allowed if mistakes are made. A co-ordinator runs the show, but if she's absent we still continue bravely playing. When we have six players, we play six-handed euchre, and the name of the group changes to "The Confused Card Club". Care to join us?





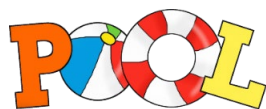
## EXERCISE CLASSES

Wherever you turn, the virtues of exercise surround you.

Free exercise classes are available to our residents every Friday afternoon, starting at 12:30 p.m. in the Meeting Place.

For an hour, a bond of fellowship develops as we huff and puff our way to health, with the instructor providing encouraging words like “keep breathing”!

See you at class!



## SUMMER FROLICS AT OUR SWIMMING POOL

This year we enjoyed another wonderful summer in the pool with plenty of sunshine that made for a glorious time. The usual group of dedicated pool users took up their swimming routines immediately. Early swimmers lined up for their morning laps followed by mothers or fathers with their toddlers enjoying the lazy hazy noon and afternoon hours.

We also saw an increased number of young families with infants and toddlers in tow introducing their youngsters to the water and teaching basic swimming skills.



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Inductees of previous years reappeared and proudly showed off their acquired skills crisscrossing the pool happily – often to the surprise of the lane swimmers who sometimes cannot get out of the way quickly enough.

Even with the increased number of young families this summer competing with the lane swimmers who are regulars in the pool, sharing of the pool equally amongst all evolved and worked out amicably. As things developed, the lane swimmers informally enjoyed free use in the first hours after opening of the pool in the morning, sticking to the outside lanes on the west side. Surprisingly this informal arrangement works quite well aiding a harmonious sharing of the pool with everyone being able to enjoy their time in the pool.

All of this happens in a friendly chatty environment where everybody gets to know everybody else and we share in each other's stories, talk about our adventures, exchange recipes and discuss events we plan to attend or did attend just like any big family. We learned that lifeguards line up for the opportunity to work at our pool. They too share their stories with us and we in turn offer snacks, cookies or bug spray.

With a resident community of over 1500 people from three buildings we represent a tiny global village where everybody belongs. Sadly we learned that one family in burkinis had a vile xenophobic encounter and was harassed until they left the pool. Just imagine the impact on the children. As many of us are from various origins we probably have encountered our own measures of prejudice. Let's not perpetuate this partiality and instead persist in being welcoming to all residents.

Last but not least you may have noticed we got new comfortable chairs and a shading pagoda for people with sensitive skin. We hear that management is looking into UV protective fabric covers for next season, as well as adding at least one more pagoda.

While I'm ready for the skiing season, I'm already looking forward to next summer's lane swimming.





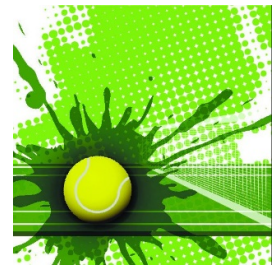
## **TENNIS CLUB – SUNDAY ROUND ROBIN (YCC323 & YCC435)**

For over 30 years, the residents of our condominium group (YCC 323 and YCC 435) have been meeting on Sunday mornings for a social Round Robin on our tennis courts.

To be part of our Round Robin, all you have to do is to bring a new can of tennis balls once a season. All those who turn up for the Round Robin play as a member of a single group. The objective is to have each person play with as many different players as possible within a three-hour period. One person is responsible for selecting the 4 people who play in each match.

The Round Robin starts at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. every Sunday. Each match lasts for 30 minutes. Players can drop in at any time and leave as they please. Players must be at least 16 years of age. There is no upper age limit; our oldest regular player is 90+ years of age! The Round Robin is competitive and is for players with a wide range of tennis skills. Although we play competitive games, the objective of the Round Robin is to have fun and meet new players.

We have an annual potluck dinner. This year it will be on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 6:30 pm in the Meeting Place at 50 Quebec Avenue. Stop by and meet some of the Round Robin regulars (in their winter outfits). The 2019 Round Robin will start in the spring (weather permitting).





## **BEATLES FOREVER**

We weren't really big Beatles fans in the sixties. We liked a lot of their music but there were always other groups we liked better. However, as part of our retirement we had taken several Later Life learning courses at U of T, one of which was given by Dr. Mike Daley on the history of folk music. It was a fabulous course, so we signed up for his course on the Beatles and we got hooked! Mike is an accomplished musician and music scholar and a great instructor. When he and his wife Jill offered a Beatles Tour to Liverpool and London we decided to sign up.

The first surprise of the trip was Liverpool itself. Liverpool is no longer the dark, dingy industrial town of the sixties. It is a bright vibrant modern city with numerous attractions even if you don't fancy a Beatles tour.

On the first day we had premier guide Stevie T take us to Penny Lane, Strawberry Fields and the Casbah club. Many of the people on the trip had strong musical backgrounds and for some the tour was a pilgrimage of sorts and a very emotional experience. We quickly became aware that the Beatles music meant a lot more to us than we had thought.

When we visited the boyhood homes of John Lennon and Paul McCartney, we realized that the Beatles at one time were just four kids trying to find their way. It was also apparent just how hard they worked at developing their music. They may

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have been gifted but all the stories we heard show just how dedicated they were to their music.

We listened to music in the Cavern Club where the Beatles met Brian Epstein who became their manager. He did a masterful job of directing them financially and emotionally for the early years. He was sorely missed when he passed away.

In London we went to Abbey Road and got our picture taken at the zebra crossing on the album cover. We also heard from Mike just how daring and innovative the Beatles were as their music evolved.

As we got to know the other people on the tour, we realized that the music, events and changes of that time had an everlasting impact on all of us and it was interesting to share and relive many of our experiences.



## **CONTAINER GARDENING**

“Gardening simply does not allow one to be mentally old, because too many hopes and dreams are yet to be realized.” ~ Allan Armitage

Those of us who live in limited, urban spaces, look forward to our gardening as much as anyone else. Gardening in containers can bring beauty to our patios and

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our lives from May/June to October. Container gardening is very different from gardening in the yard because of space, pots and soil.

Containers need to be as large as possible – 12” or wider and 10” or deeper. Light soil from garden centres which contain peat moss and some sort of fertilizer should be used. It is recommended for balcony gardeners to use soluble fertilizers. Plants will absorb almost instantly a small portion through the leaves and the rest from the roots. Never over-fertilize and always mix fertilizer to exact directions. There are also time-release fertilizers. Do not fertilize in hot sunshine.

Your pots will need to have drainage holes so that the roots of plants do not become waterlogged. To keep the soil from seeping out, cover with pottery shards, stones or mesh. Planting from seed or bulb can start as early as April depending on temperature. Seeds that can be planted directly into pots are snapdragons, coleus, marigolds, moonflowers, morning-glory, sweet alyssum and zinnias. By May, most garden centres carry potted plants ready to plant. Transplant these to pots, urns, window boxes, etc. as soon as you can.

Care should be taken when selecting plants for balconies because of the amount of sunlight available. A balcony garden needs 3-4 hours of sunlight per day. East and North balconies get less sun than Western and Southern balcony exposures. The latter balconies will need shade-loving plants like impatiens, geraniums, begonias, and coleus.

Remember, your containers need thrillers – the plant/plants in the middle that stand out. Next, you need the fillers – those that accent the thriller and add volume to your arrangement. Last, but not least, you need the spillers to hang over the edge of the pot and unify the whole design. For spillers, think English ivy, potato vines, nasturtiums and scarlet runner beans.

Happy Gardening come Spring!





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## **ELEVATOR FRIENDS**

Our community is richer for all our elevator friends.

A smile can brighten a rainy day.

Over time, strangers become friends.

We all enjoy the lovely pictures in the elevators.

The notices advise us of free Sunday movies, teas, lectures.

See you on the elevator, Friend!



## **LITTLE MALTA**

Little Malta, a village in the Junction, has been around for many years. It can be called home base for Maltese ex pats who take pride in this gem of a community.

The hub is the parish RC church of Saint Paul the Apostle. St. Paul's connection to the Mediterranean island came about when he was shipwrecked as a prisoner on his way to Rome for his trial. While he was in Malta, he introduced Christianity to the pagan native people and won them over. Tradition has it that he was attacked by a viper and left unharmed; afterwards there were no more venomous vipers left on the island.

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Our so-called village started a museum housed in the parish hall. The new archives are growing slowly, and donations of relevant documents come in from time to time.

No village would be complete without a restaurant; ours is the Malta Bake Shop, an eatery that has a wide selection of traditional fare including Maltese desserts and the much loved Kinnie soft drink which is brewed in Malta.

Across from the church is the new Malta Park where Independence Day ceremonies are held on September 21st. The Maltese community is happy to have a park bearing the country's name.

As a group we are a gregarious, happy, noisy and fun-loving people; we speak loudly and wave our hands a lot in conversation. The weekly Maltese program entitled "Lehen malti" airs on Omni on Tuesday morning at 11:30 am with reruns later in the week – worthwhile watching even if one does not speak the language.

Incentive to visit the island of Malta is high due to the temperate climate, the historic and cultural sites and the friendly bilingual population of half a million in total – and no venomous vipers!

"Sahha" to one and all!



## **PARK WATCH – A BRIEF HISTORY**

Let's start with the setting. The park is approximately 400 acres. Within its bounds are areas considered "groomed", as well as "natural" areas. The natural areas are not manicured but are monitored for possible safety hazards. Trees lining Grenadier Pond are wrapped to deter beavers (yes, in the big city!).

The different unique areas in the park attract various interest groups such as a K9 group, history buffs and sport clubs (baseball, soccer). Approximately 20 years

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ago the City of Toronto encouraged the neighborhood to create an advisory committee to oversee and co-ordinate the activities of these diverse groups. It was called *High Park Citizens Advisory Committee (HPCAC)*.

An overriding concern to all groups was safety within the park. The **HPCAC** explored options to improve and/or enhance visitors' comfort levels while working in or enjoying the park. The local police department (11 Division), Ontario Ministry of Justice and local politicians provided support. Mountain Equipment Co-op and Bell Canada supplied uniforms, fanny packs and cell phones.

Park Watch came into being with approximately 20 volunteers enrolling in a two-weekend training session. Topics covered included the history of the park, the bylaws affecting users, brief first aid training, detailed walk around the park and, using the community police, instructions and practice of conflict resolution.

Another aspect was an educational component. We designed various posters to provide visitors with information on why certain activities were discouraged: dogs off leash, picking flowers, feeding the birds or zoo animals, and barbequing with charcoal within the park.

Remote areas, which were once considered dangerous, are no longer a problem. We were instrumental in a review of these areas and making recommendations as to reducing risks. We do not highlight the safety issues to visitors, although we can obtain emergency assistance (fire, ambulance or fire) very quickly.

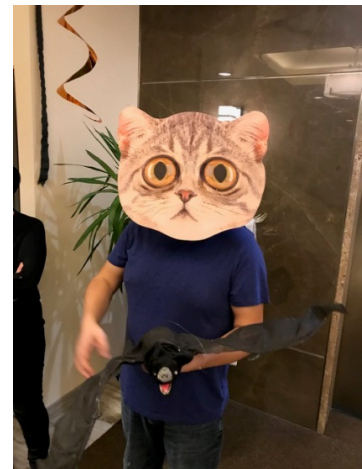
That is the basic background of Park Watch. It has evolved over time. Although we still wear "Park Watch" vests, we consider ourselves ambassadors to the park, not "watchers". Providing directions, answering enquiries or entering into a conversation makes our current role as volunteers a most enjoyable way to spend Sunday afternoon.



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## HALLOWE'EN AT 50 QUEBEC

*ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggedy beasties  
and things that go bump in the night*





## **THE “IMMORTAL HAGGIS” DEMYSTIFIED**

People who live off the land eat what they grow. “Waste not, want not!” The spare bits of butchered livestock go into sausages. The sausage casing is traditionally the intestine, and locally grown grain and seasonings are used for bulk and flavour. In Scotland the animal was usually a sheep, and the stomach was used, so the haggis is simply a big round sausage, filled with bits of mutton and what my Granny called “intimmers” (the pluck - edible parts of what’s in the abdomen), oatmeal and good spices.

Robert Burns was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1759. He grew up in a frugal farming family, was a social soul, clearly enjoyed tucking in to a good haggis, and being a poet, eulogised it! The first Burns Supper was a memorial gathering of his friends five years after his death.

Post-reformation Scotland celebrated Christmas as a religious festival and frowned on extravagant pagan junketings. At some deep level of the national psyche they likely felt that God had got it wrong in having the Blessed Event outside Scotland!

Put those various facts together, and it’s no wonder that someone added two and two and came up with the Burns Supper – a party to honour a Scottish son who left a legacy of song (he was an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Woody Guthrie) and poetry, enjoyed a dram, and could be celebrated with traditionally locavore foods without the palaver of Christmas shopping! Today, Burns Suppers, centered around the immortal haggis, are celebrated by Scots at home and expatriates and wannabees worldwide.

The person who cooked the haggis deserves much credit, so why not a royal welcome for it? The Victorians kept adding regimental frills (lots of Scots in the army!). The ceremony involves the piping in of the haggis, Burns’ famous “Address to a Haggis” \* is recited, and the haggis is cut open with a sword \*\*. Then everyone settles down to an evening of dining and dancing, as befits a good Scottish celebration.



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\* The Ode is rather long, so we leave it to the reader to look up.

\*\* But be careful! At one memorable Burns Supper the very large haggis had been left and froze in the trunk of a Sassenach's car, wasn't heated long enough, and attacked the sword with a loud clang!







## **EDITORIAL**

Tempus Fugit – time flies

It's hard to believe that this is my fifth yearly edition of ViewPoint 50. When I started in 2014, I thought it would only be for one year. But time flies, and here it is five years later!

I've published annual reports from three different Presidents, and fortunately for us, only one Property Manager. Older Committees, having served their purpose, have been moved to the *ad hoc* category, and new Committees have been created. Clubs seem to hang in there, and I'm sure there are some that I don't even know about! All the "officials" can be counted on to provide write-ups and meet deadlines.

What has really left me in awe from the very first edition, though, has been the depth and breadth of the feature articles that our residents write. Articles have appeared on everything from food, travel, pastimes and plant advice to lots of local history. We've even had fun with a fable, poem and crossword puzzle one year!

I learned early on that if you simply ask for people to volunteer articles, you might well be left staring at a blank screen. However, if you ask individuals to write something, either of their own choosing or about a particular subject, they respond promptly and positively, with articles which are thoughtful, well-written and very informative.

I have tried to include different people every year, in an attempt to get more people involved and to give voice to some of our more reticent residents. Very few people ever turn me down when I ask. When they do, it's usually with the excuse that "I can't write", and that's okay too – no pressure.

Some of you have probably guessed where this is going. I feel that five years is long enough for one person to edit ViewPoint 50 (although Terry Graham and Judy Coney did it for seven years, more power to them!). It's time for new view points to prevail. It's time for new thinking and new approaches to the year in review.

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And it's time for me to get back to some of the personal things I retired from the business world to do.

So this will be my last kick at the can.

I had a blast doing the editing bit. Yes, it's hard work, there are deadlines and frustrations as with anything. But there are great rewards too, especially getting to know more residents, learning more about our wonderful volunteers on the Board and Committees, and being the first to read amazing articles.

I know the danger of just asking for volunteers, but that's exactly what I'm suggesting here. If you want to have a blast next year, step up and volunteer to be the editor of ViewPoint 50 – Year in Review – 2019!



*Happy new year*

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