

2022 Year End Report :

The ORC excelled this year, exceeding planned enrollment in almost every program. We owe a special thanks to Zak, the many volunteer coaches who offered their experience and leadership and to Julia who brought order to deliver excellence in innovative programming and rower experience.

Volunteer contributions - essential to the club's success – remained generous and effective throughout the year.

The 2022 season was happily disrupted by successful renovations in our new boathouse. In an environment of scarce trade resources, disrupted supply chains and strict deadlines, there were moments of uncertainty, ultimately rewarded by success. The financial resources were exhausted before the full scope was realized, leaving us with the completion of a year-round water supply and washroom completion as a goal for 2023. Dialogue has already begun with the City and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority to define the submissions and approvals necessary to support the required work.

A particular thanks must be recorded to Parkin Architects and VR Engineering who provided professional services to the ORC pro bono.

The renovation initiative offered an opportunity to reorganize and purge as well. This activity was eagerly embraced by the many summer student staff made possible by the generous support of the Canada Summer Student Grants Program.

Our first winter program is a success, in no small part as a consequence of the skill, creativity and attention invested by Kim Krahn. We'll ask Kim and the winter coaches and athletes to help us refine the winter experience for next year.

In 2022 our Municipal and Federal partners remained present and accountable. Councillor Mat Fleury and Parks & Rec Director Dan Chenier provided timely advice and unwavering support throughout the season, particularly as we struggled to manage non-member mischief again this year. Shoreline safety and security was bolstered by additional police and emergency services presence. This was Mat's last year in Council. We'll look forward to his continued involvement in sport and to an opportunity to introduce our new councillor to the shoreline.

Early discussions have begun with the NCC to define the timing & logistics of the replacement of the Alexandra Bridge in the next 5 to 10 years. There's exciting potential in the NCC vision.

Thank you to the capable members of our grants committee. Identification, pursuit and success in available community partnerships will continue to be a prominent focus of our 2023 work plan.

Our site may continue to be periodically disrupted by municipal and federal public infrastructure works planned to continue for the next few years. PCL Construction has been an excellent partner to date.

The insights, skills and efforts of every member and volunteer define the ORC. 2023 will be no different. So far, a warmer winter might allow us to look forward to an early spring!

President