



BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY

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Dear Bonsor 55+ Member,

It has been a long time since we have been able to see each other but hopefully we will soon be able to resume some of our activities at the Centre. Your executive has continued to meet with the City staff to get updates and progress reports as we look forward to the time when we once again can meet for friendship at our Centre.

On behalf of the executive I want to let you know the plans for getting back to the activities we all enjoy. If things continue to progress in a positive way then the City is looking at operating some of our groups out of the Centre beginning the middle of September. Nothing will be the same as it was before the pandemic. The Centre hours will be reduced to begin with, groups will be limited in size and time, and plans will be in place to keep everyone safe. We will start slow and move forward safely in conjunction with the City. Not all groups will be able to resume at this time as we continue to follow Provincial directives and WCB Health and Safety guidelines.

In anticipation of this reopening your board liaison has been asked to contact your group to begin the process of returning. Since it has been over 16 months since the pandemic shut everything down we need to gather certain information before we can begin each group. We need to know if you still have an executive in place, and if not, what your plan for reorganizing is. Do you have volunteers in place to help your group when they return? Will you do a registration for your group or will you begin with the group who were registered before the pandemic shut us down?

We know that many groups had collected fees for participation and we will work with each group to determine the best way to make sure people receive a refund, or have their dues waived for an upcoming period of time. There are many details to work out as you can imagine.

For the time being please know the board members are working on your behalf to get us all back in our building participating in activities and seeing one another. Please contact your board liaison if you have any questions or concerns, and to work with them to develop your plan for returning.

Ernie Kashima

Bonsor 55+ Society President