**President’s Update**

New School and Surrounding Area Update

The contractor Bird is required to restore all facilities and land and to comply with all requirements of the Development Permit.We have been tracking and assessing progress by reviewing drawings, asking for specific information previously not provided and addressing inconsistencies between plans and activity. A collaborative meeting was held at the site in late Septemberthat included all parties with outcomes that provided cautious optimism.

Basketball Courts – There was agreement on court placement, court size and build to same quality. The asphalt pour was completed September 30th and the enhanced Tomko surfacing is to be applied. Bird advised that some restorative work was required for the north court. Poles have been refurbished and backboards and netting were stored for re-installation.

Landscaping – Additional trees were planted north of the construction site along the regional pathway. Landscaping work will likely continue in the spring and has a one year warranty so further repair work may occur in future.

Fencing – The 2.5 metre fencing was installed in September along the property line between ball diamond and school. Bird was planning a shorter parameter outfield with a slopping grade to this fencing. They excavated more than we had expected to construct the school parking lot and installed a 0.5 metre retaining wall bordering the school parking lot which created the sloping problem. Their existing plan would have essentially made the diamond unusable. At the Sept. 27th meeting, there was commitment to maintain this asset as an adult quality facility. Several options were discussed including moving home plate further back, grade leveling adjustments and grade tiering. Bird was actioned to provide a solution that likely will include a combination of these options and at time of writing, I don’t have those specific remedial plans.

The school building construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

SACA Board – 2017 Business Plan

The SACA Board reviews the Community business plan each November to formulate priorities for the coming year. We will consider existing operations and project initiatives, the SACA Strategic Plan and your feedback to develop this plan as well as assign responsibility to directors and general manager. Your feedback through this year’s community survey will be incorporated into the 2017 Business Plan. If you have any further guidance or wish to execute these priorities, please contact myself, Jim Palmer.

Vacancies – The SACA Board still has two vacancies with respect to Sports and Affiliates director positions. These roles generally involve relationship building with various sports and other organizations that operate within Scenic Acres. The existing Board currently handles issues related to these areas on a best efforts basis but it is not ideal.

Fencing within the Community – I have noted many residents have been busy repairing, replacing and painting their fences through the summer. Much of the original fencing within Scenic Acres has now been replaced and/or refurbished. SACA however receives resident concerns about fences in need of repair. Property owners must ensure fences and as well as all structures are in good repair and not a safety hazard. The Community Standards Bylaw includes foundation, foundation walls, exterior walls, roofs, windows and doors, protective or decorative finishes of exterior structures, exterior stairs, landings, porches, balconies and decks as well as fences. Failure to comply could result in City fines as well as formal demand to remediate issues within a short time frame. From a good neighbour perspective not only as an individual property owner, please consider and act on needed repairs around your houses.