**President’s Update**

**SACA AGM April 15th 1 PM**

SACA’s AGM is April 15th at 1 PM. The formal meeting is expected to be less than an hour and will include a summary update of 2017 accomplishments, review of financial statements and appointment of directors. There will be opportunity after the formal meeting to engage with directors on specific topics such as traffic, construction developments like Revera property, landscape and maintenance of our green spaces, specific events and any other topic you want to discuss. Our local government officials usually are in attendance as well and ready to discuss topics within their jurisdictions. Feedback we receive often is incorporated into SACA future plans. If you haven’t purchased your SACA membership $30 family, $15 seniors), please do so today with a few clicks on our website. I hope to see you there.

**École du Nouveau-Monde Grand Opening**

I was invited to celebrate, along with the new school community, the official opening of École du Nouveau-Monde on the evening of Feb. 21st. I was able to tour the school for a second time but now I was able to experience it fully furnished and bustling with students! There were several great oral and musical presentations made by students, speeches from the Mayor Nenshi and MLA Connolly as well as members of the FrancoSud board. Guy Purreault, the Principal facilitated this event. On behalf of Scenic Acres, I presented Guy with a certificate, congratulating them on the school opening with our hope that SACA and École du Nouveau-Monde would work collaboratively together over many years.

**New Directors – Yes 5!**

SACA would like to introduce the following new directors to our board. Please come out to the AGM and meet them!

1. Suzanne Greco is appointed Secretary. She has lived in Scenic Acres nearly 25 years and has vocational and voluntary experience in human resources and legal services. She has been a secretary for a number of organizations on a voluntary basis as well.

2. Katherine Hawkins is appointed as Treasurer. Katherine is relatively new to Scenic Acres and has operated her own accounting business for nearly 20 years. She is actively involved with all the activities associated with raising two young daughters.

3. Michael Chiu is appointed Director Membership Development. Michael, who is a finance manager at CP Rail, has volunteered as a director in various capacities for the Alberta Triathlon Association over many years. Michael will work to develop and implement a tactical program to engage and grow the SACA membership.

4. Dean Petrillo is appointed Director Affiliates. Dean, who has experience in human resources and is a local realtor, will be responsible to build bridges with the many SACA non-sports affiliates and other community associations in order to develop programs of common interest to our members. Dean has been a contributor on our Community Development Committee and one of the local soccer dads.

5. Mike Fursier is appointed Director Facilities. Mike, who is a civil engineer and construction project manager will be responsible to plan and prioritize the many capital projects associated with our facility asset life cycle five year plan as well as assess the feasibility of improving and/or adding to SACA facilities, providing more local opportunities for our members. Mike and his family moved to Scenic Acres from Great Britain a few years ago and he and his wife have been regular volunteers at SACA events.

It is great to have these new directors who have demonstrated competencies and experience that will strengthen the effectiveness of our Board. See you at the AGM!