

## Herrmann House Building Project – August 5, 2022 Campaign Update

# of Members Contributing	24	Amount	\$22,335
Matching program	2	Amount	\$22,335
Club Transfer from Operations			<u>\$100,000</u>
<b>PLEDGES to DATE</b>			<b>\$144,670</b>
Contribution Goal			\$650,000
Percent of goal achieved			22%

Hi everyone – as you can see by the above, we have quite a challenge still in front of us to reach our goal by the end of August. I have polled a number of members regarding the low participation so far and there seems to be a consistent theme in the responses which I would like to share with you.

*#1 – The members that put their blood and treasure (\$1.7 million dollars and thousands of hours of labor) into building the surface courts and then enclosing the courts feel they have done their share. We have over 400 new members join since that “heavy lifting” took place and they feel that the new members need to take their turn to step up.*

#2 – Our Club is run by the members and paid for by the members and can only succeed if everyone recognizes that they must be willing to occasionally do more than just play. We are a nonprofit organization that requires many volunteer hours to do the tasks that don't lend themselves to hiring people to do or we yet can't afford.

#3 – Phases 1 and 2 were about giving us a place to play and then a place to play year round. We recognize the same motivation does not exist for Phase 3 but we are obligated to build a permanent washroom, no if, ands, or buts!! Our occupancy permit is TEMPORARY until we have a permanent building that includes washrooms tied into the sewer system.

*#4 – Phase 3 is not urgent in that we have been assured by the City that we can take three more years to correct the deficiency. If you back up the construction time line, the time in the contracting queue before being able to start the project, likely procurement delays for even simple supplies and the various planning and approval activities, we are not very early to meet the deadline. Nothing happens quickly these days. Further, many*

of the key folks willing to make it happen are reaching the end of their rope to “drive the bus”. Bottom line, this is the optimal time to get it done.

If you are one of our newer members that was not part of the Phase 1 and 2 projects, please consider the fabulous facility you enjoy and at the cost it is because of those that “did their bit” when the call was made when making your contribution decision. If you are a longer term member that has been there for Phases 1 and 2 and can still help out comfortably in Phase 3, please do so.

Let’s together finish our terrific facility and take pride in our accomplishment. We are truly unique in Canada in terms of what we have and how we got there!

Myron Hocevar, VPA Board President