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The dark days of the 2021 winter are now in the rear view mirror. A few windy days, maybe a snow squall or two, but all things being equal we have this one beat. It has been over a year since we have had any activity in our hall. With the exception of our successful summer Patio Bar, the island has been a very quiet place. The anticipation of vaccines just around the corner, is putting us in a positive mood for this summer. It is hopeful that we can all begin to engage in normal activities again soon.

Thanks to all our newsletter sponsors and members who have chipped in to assist us, get through this difficult period. Like many businesses and clubs, the expenses continue but the revenue has dried up like a desert creek. At the bottom of the page one we always display the Delta Bingo Logo. We are today introducing a new Logo, to highlight the generous contributions that Michelle Jackson and her team provide to us through the Delta Bingo Facility. A huge sum of money is donated throughout the community every month, as a result of this community partnership. The Alumni Association is honoured to be a part of this partnership. Let us hope we can get the Bingo Hall up and running again this spring, Jane Lockhart is ready to go and will have our bingo host in place when needed.

One loose end we need to clear up in the spring is to conclude the business of 2020 with our Annual General Meeting. It is planned to be an outdoor meeting once the weather warms up and we can



safely congregate outside on our patio. Sadly not much to report from 2020 other than it was all pretty much *all bad*. Part of being an association or not for profit club is that the membership is engaged and participates in volunteering, and participating in club events. This is the heart and soul of the Alumni and it has been very trying over the past 13 months. We had plans for a winter project to refresh the Prytula Meeting Room in the basement; however that was deferred by distancing guidelines. The hall needs a thorough spring cleaning inside and out to remove a years worth of grime and dust. The outdoor patio and picnic tables are in need of a power spray and clean up prior to any summer events. We would like to clean up the patio embankment and stairs to enhance the look and the overlook onto the water. Let's look at planning some scheduled time over the next few weeks to tackle some of this work, prior to having our hands full in our own yards.

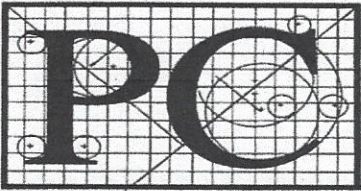
The executive made a tough decision in late 2020 to cancel all Hall Rentals going forward up until at least Labour Day 2021. Refunds have been sent out to all rentals who had secured a date. The ever evolving protocols make it impossible for the Alumni to be able to be ready and comply with the ever changing conditions. The Alumni is confident that protocols will allow us to operate our Open Summer Patio again this year, with the possible expansion to Sunday afternoon included as an offering.

The CSSRA Championships have already announced that the 75th session of the regatta will be postponed for the second year. The Canadian Henley Regatta, has yet to announce their decision to operate or in which format that they will function. There is some limited activity down at the shell house, but with the formal traditional high school programme on hold, there is light traffic out on the water. Think positive and it will improve this summer.

It is always hard to announce the passing of one of our members. Moe Dumont passed away on March 23, 2021. Moe was active in many groups throughout the community, but his hands on contributions at the Alumni Clubhouse and throughout the entire infrastructure of the CHRC facilities will be a lasting legacy to the hours he put in down on the island. The Alumni offers condolences to Marc, Tim, Jeff, Stephen, Andrew and the entire family.

Thanks to all who have stepped up and renewed their membership for 2021. An electronic transfer to our email address of \$25.00 goes a long way in keeping us going. *Easy Peasy / Just Do It..* *Happy Easter to all.*

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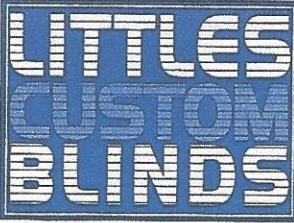
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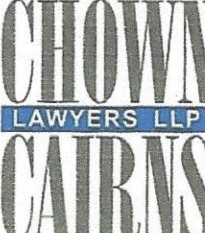
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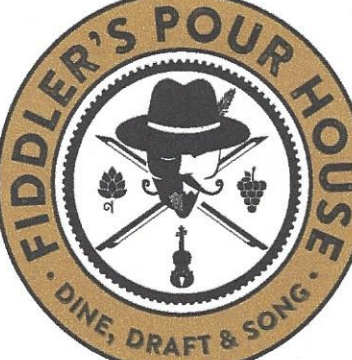
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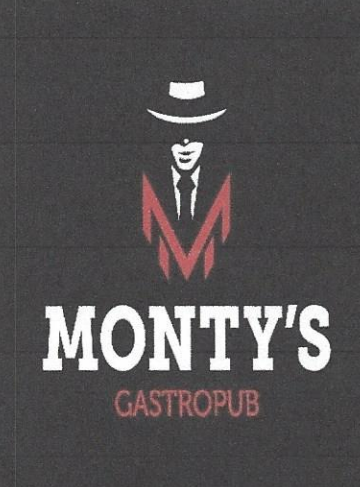


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