

Tribute to Irene

Irene,

You are leaving the Board of Centre Wakefield La Pêche after two extraordinarily challenging years. On behalf of our entire community, we would like to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to you for your hard work, your commitment, your ability to overcome obstacles, your drive to keep going and your capacity to strengthen the Centre, even during these difficult times.

You worked tirelessly with other Board members to keep the Centre operational during these past two pandemic years, by:

- taking on the job of General Manager;
 - securing COVID wage, rental, and operations grants from federal, provincial and municipal governments;
- and,
- embracing the opportunity to hold the CISSCO vaccination clinic at the Centre.

You also successfully initiated and implemented a number of initiatives to strengthen the Centre's foundation, by:

- initiating successful negotiations with the Community Foundation of Canada to provide taxable receipts to Centre donors;
 - seizing a grant opportunity to connect with the community during the pandemic with La Pêche Media, resulting in a number of informative and entertaining videos, as well as the Centre owning video and digital media equipment;
 - leading a comprehensive process with the MRC to explore possibilities for the future of the Centre;
- and,
- putting in place a new Annual Membership Fee Structure.

You were the dreamer that made the Centre's 10th Anniversary Celebrations and video a reality.

In line with your vision of the Centre, you put in place the « Community HUB », to ensure that the community is its the heart and hub.

Irene, you have contributed countless hours of your time, your energy, your skill and your ideas to the Centre. Your hard work speaks volumes about not only your love for the centre, but also your love for the community. Your legacy will live on.

On behalf of all of us, thank you.
