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## **COMMUNITY UPDATE**

Like the Tweed community, and people across Ontario, Canada and the globe, the Kiwanis Club of Tweed is adapting to a new way of doing things due to COVID-19. We are providing an update on what we have been up to since our last general update in mid-April.

### **Community Lottery**

On June 4 we met via Zoom for the 5th and final Community Lottery Draw for this year. The numbers were drawn using a computer-based random number generator. As with the other recent draws, the cheques will be mailed out in keeping with current physical distancing protocols. We would once again thank all of the supporters of our Community Lottery, which allows us to support various youth initiatives in the community. Tickets for next year's Draw will be available in October, 2020.

# Donation – Worry-Free Lawn Care & Property Maintenance

New member Brandon Hartwig pledged a donation of \$10 from each job his business completed in May. After a very busy month, we were grateful to accept \$780 – thank you so much for your generosity, Brandon!



## **Support for Community Initiatives**

Since April, the Club has supported the Royal Canadian Legion Tweed Branch 428 with their monthly drop-off food drives to support the Salvation Army's Food Bank. Community Care for Central Hastings is offering a grocery shop/delivery service in Tweed, Madoc, Stirling and Marmora for isolated seniors who don't have help available. Call 613-478-2224, and press extension '0' for more information. Tweed ValuMart fills the orders; several Kiwanians have been assisting with the deliveries in the Tweed area.

#### **Chicken BBQ & Other Cancellations**

It is with disappointment that we announce that the annual Chicken BBQ scheduled for July 16, 2020 is cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We thank everyone for your support over the decades, and we will be back with our aprons on and the grills fired up in 2021! A fundraiser dance with The Reasons planned for September at the Pavilion has also been cancelled, and our fundraising activities for the Accessible Playground Project are on hold during the pandemic.

While schools are closed, activities at the schools such as the 'Bringing Up Grades/BUG' and Builders Clubs are no longer functioning. As Canada Day events will be 'virtual' this year, we will miss participating in the parade! Events at the Pavilion are cancelled until the fall, and we will be taking this opportunity to do some maintenance activities during this time (directives regarding physical distancing and gathering sizes will of course be followed!).

## **Our Meetings**

Due to physical distancing requirements, the Club is still not meeting in person. We have held virtual meetings and will continue to do so on at least a monthly basis for the foreseeable future. Like everyone, we are looking forward to things getting back to 'normal', and we will see what the fall brings in that regard.