

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT



It has been my great honor and pleasure to serve the men and women of the Toronto Police Service while on the Executive of the TPAAA for the last 5 years. I have learned a great deal in this period. I have learned and absorbed so much more about this great organization and its extensive history.

This position does not come without adversity. This year is no exception. This year has been full of hardship, adversity and hope. I can honestly say, as President, I did not get to enjoy all that being President has to offer taking into account, all the work of the previous terms it took to get to this point. With the effects of Covid 19, there were no events to attend and be the face of the organization. In addition, there were many challenges faced by the TPAAA this year, namely:

- Separating from the TPWOF our sister/brother organization. This was done mainly to do with oversight and the upcoming changes to the Corporations Ave and the

- effects it will have on Not for Profit (TPAAA) and For profit (TPWOF)
- Also with the above split with had to look at new Bylaws as they were shared by both organizations and had to be updated for today's working/Governance environment
- We updated the funding guidelines for athletes and team sports
- We also had to find a new GM for the interim. We went out and had a long conversation with Mike Bagg our longest serving GM, who graciously agreed to come back until Dec 31, 2021 to get us through this rough patch.
- The organization also had to find a new address and after very fruitful talks with Supt Barredo and the new Unit Commander of D43 Supt Rydzik. With the blessing of the Chief, we were received office space within D43. This space is being evaluated on a go forward basis, to make sure it can serve our membership and our staff.
- The postponing of winter team sports until Jan 2021 because of Covid 19 and the Medical/Provincial restrictions placed on individual cities.
- The shutting down of gym facilities within all of the TPS properties.
- NO banquet or Athlete award ceremonies.
- NO Presidents Award (Not an automatic award, its up to the President at the time)
- NO Police games
- NO Childrens games
- NO Variety Village games

I will note that this year has not been all doom and gloom, there have been some positives:

As an organization, we were still able to deliver support to charities and provide the Student Athlete Scholarship to two very deserving winners. We like to thank all that applied and good luck in your ongoing education and sport involvement

In my 32 years as a member of the Toronto Police Service, I have been involved with the TPAAA for 29 of them. I have been a site rep, a sport chair, I have been in every position on the executive including being your President. I have met so many great athletes. I have met volumes of people who volunteer their time and energy to ensure the history of this organization continues.

Looking to the future, I will continue to contribute to the TPAAA as a Past President. In closing, Sport, conditioning and values all contribute to my favorite saying,

“Fight for your life just once..... and you’ll understand the importance of realistic training, physical conditioning, and mental toughness.”

Finally, to the sports chairs and site reps, thank you for all that you do for our organization. Also thank you to all the members of the TPAAA for understanding the value of fitness, sport and comradery in this Benevolent Organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Royce McDonald', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Royce McDonald
President
Toronto Police Amateur Athletic
Association**