

Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund

Annual Report 2009

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**2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund (PCBF)
April 22, 2009
7:00 pm LaSalle Secondary School**

Special Points of Interest:

- *The Board has submitted a Notice of Motion seeking approval to fund a soccer field facility. (page 4)*
- *Approved Projects, Grants and Scholarship amounts for Fiscal Year 2009 (page 2)*
- *To conserve paper and be environmentally friendly, audited financial statements for 2008 will be posted on the PCBF website.*
- *The PCBF website is an important source of current and historical information and documentation. Please check out www.pcbf.org*

Message from the Chair

Dr. John Wilson, President and Chair, PCBF

This past year has seen many funds suffer significant losses as the economy slid into recession. Fortunately, the PCBF

members accepted the advice of the Board not to dive into equities. Thanks to the PCBF Investment Committee and our financial advisers the PCBF has actually shown a tiny gain in assets.

This year we are supporting :

- Up to 15 Secondary Scholarships;
- The Barriefield Rock Garden;
- The Joyceville Women's Institute;
- The Pittsburgh Women's Institute; and
- Point St. Mark Playground Equipment for a total of \$71,055.

agreement with St. Lawrence College (see page 2).

The Board has continued with our policy of openness and transparency, and post minutes and other items to update the history of the fund on the PCBF website. We recommend that you visit this webpage at www.PCBF.org and follow the links.

Preliminary discussions with the City of Kingston re the Soccer Field Proposal were set back by changes in the City Department structure and by changes in personnel, but thanks to the efforts of George Sutherland and Leonore Foster

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There were also 7 x \$1000 bursaries granted under the

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2009 marks eleven years of operation for the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund as a not-for-profit corporation without share capital

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we have made significant headway. The Board will present a motion to finance this endeavor at the AGM (see page 4). Details have yet to be finalized with the City and thus are unavailable at the time of this Annual Report.

Unfortunately, we have had two directors resign this year: John Uliana and John Scott. We thank them sincerely for their time and dedication to both the PCBF and our community. Thus, we have five (5) positions to fill this year. Candidates will fill three two-year terms and two two-year terms on the Board based on the number of votes received. At the time of this report being mailed, nominations have been received for:

- Dr. John Wilson (for re-election);
- Hazel Lloyd, (for re-election);
- Savas Kekkas;
- Edward Webb; and
- William Keeler.

Additional individuals interested in having their name stand for election are reminded that a nomination form can be found on one side of the Annual Report insert, or downloaded from the PCBF website. They must be returned to the PCBF Secretary no later than Thursday, April 9th, 2009.

For those unable to attend the AGM in person, a proxy form can be found on one side of the insert. It can be photocopied, or an electronic PDF proxy form is available for download from the PCBF website. These must be returned to the address marked on the proxy form no later than Friday, April 17th, 2009.

“The PCBF Board of Directors regularly meets the third Monday evening of each month in the second floor conference room of the Pittsburgh Township Library, starting at 7pm. Meetings are open to the public and community members are invited to attend.”

Fiscal Year 2009 Approved Projects/Grants/Scholarships

The PCBF Board approved the following amounts within the unrestricted funding envelope:

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| Up to fifteen (15) Secondary School Scholarships, \$1,000 each | \$15,000 |
| Joyceville Women’s Institute (JWI) Seniors Christmas Dinner (Dec 2009) | \$ 2,555 |
| Pittsburgh Women’s Institute (PWI) Seniors Valentine’s Dinner (Feb 2010) | \$ 2,500 |
| Barriefield Rock Garden Improvement and Maintenance | \$ 6,000 |
| Point St. Mark Playground equipment | \$45,000 |



St. Lawrence College Annual Student Recognition Night

The Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund Bursary is awarded to selected applicants who have resided, or whose parents reside in the former Pittsburgh Township geographic area, and who have demonstrated financial need. From the photo at left, last year’s 2008 recipients were (L to R):

- **Kari Stuart** - Office Administration
- **Adam McFadden** - Police Foundations
- **Danielle McLachlan** - Bachelor of Applied Arts - Behaviour Psychology
- **Kendra Doran** - Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- **Kristopher Cook** - Carpenter General
- **Kyra Baratashunas** - Business Administration, Accounting
- **Nicholas Clarabut** (absent) - Police Foundations
- Representing the PCBF, Past-President, John Uliana

Highlights from Past Year Grant Recipients

More photos available in the "Photo Gallery", on the website at www.pcbf.org

Joyceville Women's Institute (JWI), Seniors Christmas Dinner



As seen in the photo at left, the Colonnade Country Club welcomed Santa Claus (aka George Sutherland) to the Seniors' Dinner. The JWI fundraises for many local worthwhile causes, such as the Kingston Fall Fair, families in need, snowsuits for children, shut-ins, & Cancer and Alzheimer's Societies.



Pittsburgh Women's Institute (PWI), Seniors Valentine's Dinner



Don Cochrane and fellow entertainers



Gary, Melanie & Mary Bullock, Joyce and Paul McLeod-Kane, and Bob and Bernie Pierson



Ed & Janet Bunyan, Peggy & Peter Milliken and Ruth Thompson & friend



Barriefield Rock Garden

The Barriefield Rock Garden is Kingston's best-known reclamation garden, a green oasis once home to nothing more than bleak limestone, scrub and the litter of passing motorists. The Barriefield Rock Garden ranks among the city's most memorable sites. The garden is like no other, combining breathtaking views of the lake, river, Fort and historic waterfront. This year, Communities in Bloom National has selected the Barriefield Rock Garden as one of three Kingston gardens on the Via Rail Garden route website.

<http://www.kingstonblooms.com/ViaRailGardenRoute.html>

Photos care of Ron Peterson and Kingston In Bloom



Local student Ryan Moore at work in the Barriefield Gardens

Kingston Sheep Dog Trials 2008 20th Anniversary Year

The Kingston Sheep Dog Trials have been named one of the Top 100 Festivals in Ontario. In 2008, the Sheep Dog Trials celebrated their 20th Anniversary year and hosted the Canadian National Sheep Dog Trials Championships in conjunction with the trials.



2008 CBCA Kingston Sheep Dog Trial National Champions Amanda Milliken and Ethel CBCA 55 <http://www.canadianbordercollies.org/cahmps08.html>



20th Anniversary Kingston SHEEP DOG TRIALS & Canadian National Championships



NOTICE OF MOTION
FOR APPROVAL TO FUND A SOCCER FIELD FACILITY
IN THE ST. LAWRENCE BUSINESS PARK

Be advised that the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund (the “Fund”) will bring forward a motion to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 22, 2009, as follows:

Whereas the Board of the PCBF requested and received the membership’s permission to proceed with negotiations with the City of Kingston with respect to retention of, and making improvements to, the current John Machin fields within the St. Lawrence Business Park;

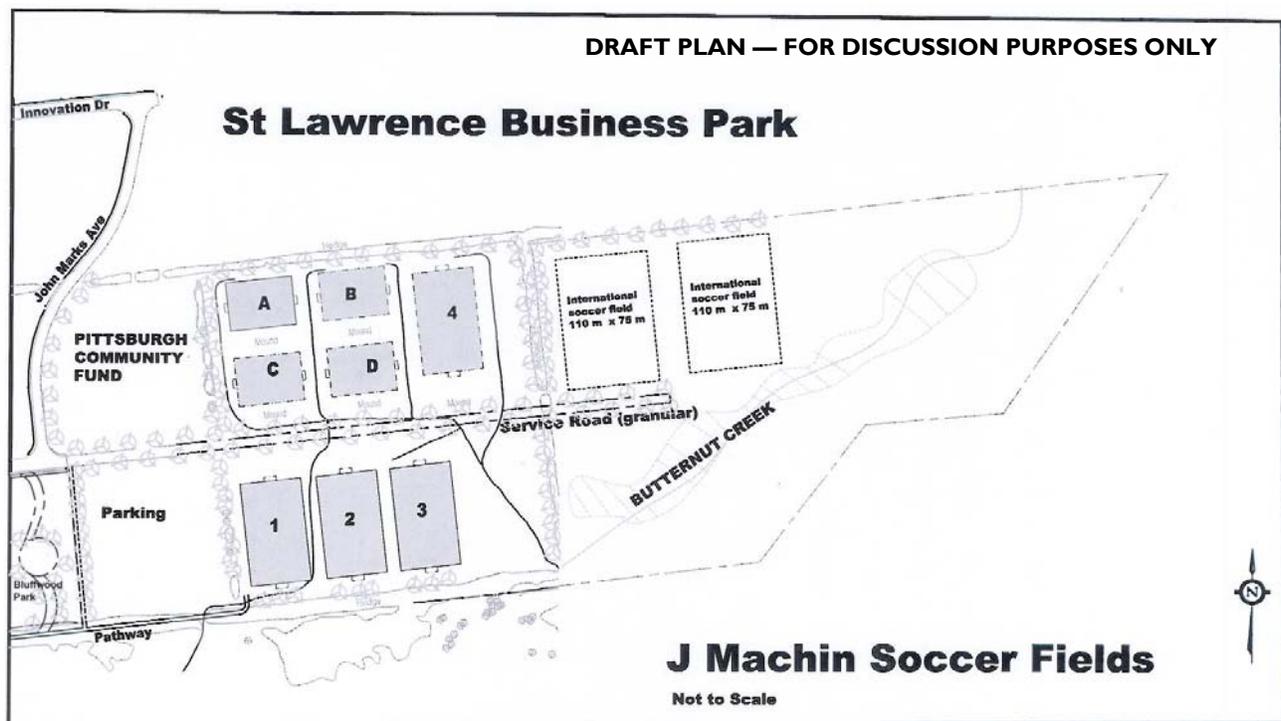
And Whereas the motion allowed the Board to negotiate to spend up to \$500,000 inclusive of the value of the current lands owned by the PCBF in the St. Lawrence Business Park;

And Whereas the result of the negotiation were to be brought back to the membership for approval;

And Whereas the membership has considered the information provided by the Board;

Now Therefore the Board is hereby authorized to:

Spend up to \$500,000, inclusive of the value of the land owned by the PCBF in the St. Lawrence Business Park, towards the improvements necessary to facilitate the joint efforts by the PCBF and the City of Kingston towards improvements to, but ensure the availability of, the lands for soccer fields and other complimentary recreation related uses.



This diagram is a **Draft** site plan currently under consideration by the City of Kingston for the construction of two new International-sized soccer fields in the St. Lawrence Business Park. Subject to decisions still to be made by City Council, further information will be provided to the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).