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CHAIR'S BLOG

August 2020

Despite COVID-19, we have had a very successful summer season thus far. Our Visitor Information Centres based in Spruce Grove and Stony Plain, collectively engaged with 845 visitors looking for guidance, recommendations and suggestions for things to do in the region.

Leveraging the Canada Job Grant program, we were fortunate to recruit four outstanding summer students to serve as Visitor Information Centre ambassadors. Elizabeth, Michelle, Niomi and Taylor will be sorely missed as they head back to their post-secondary studies at the end of August. We thank them for their contributions and wish them well in all their future endeavours.

On August 13th, we held the First Annual GPRCC Networking Golf Tournament at Trestle Creek Golf Resort. The recipient charity for the event was the Parkland Head Injury Association and nearly \$3,000 was raised for the group throughout the day. We had a sold-out tournament, which gave us the opportunity to mix and mingle with over 120 business and community leaders. I was stationed on hole #8 at our 'Out Drive the Chair' competition hole and it was really fulfilling to get to connect and chat with everyone who was out on the course. As I mentioned in my remarks during the prize giveaways, it truly was a great day. Due to the overwhelming response and success, I predict that next year's tournament which will be held at the Stony Plain Golf Course, will be in even higher demand. If you are considering sponsorship opportunities for 2021 please contact Julie at jroberts@gprchamber.ca to reserve your spot.

Looking forward, we have two exciting signature events before we conclude the year, Small Business Week, and our Business Awards of Distinction in October. Both events will be virtual, and I look forward to celebrating a year of creativity, innovation and adaptiveness. Nominations are now open for the seven categories for the upcoming Chamber Awards and I know our operational team have a major announcement regarding Small Business Week in the coming days!

We Are GPR! We are honoured to serve as your trusted source and voice of business in the community.

Keep Well! Stay Safe and Be Kind to One Another!

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