



# Greater Edmonton SHUFFLEBOARD

Association

## President's Message

January 30, 2025

We have some very sad news to pass on to you. We received notice from the Ottewell Curling Club that they want to terminate their agreement with GESA. I and your Board members are totally flabbergasted that this notice was sent out at this time of year. Why could this not have been done at our 2024 season end. This is a very difficult time to be coming up with a new plan.

I did meet with manager Rick Kravonka who informed us that the Ottewell Board made this decision and that he himself abstained from that vote. Rick said that this was a business decision and that it would be cheaper to leave it empty than continue with our arrangement. He did express a possible figure which was considerably higher than what we paid in 2024. He suggested that we see what we could come up with. Your Board held an emergency meeting on January 28th to see if we couldn't get to the end of the 2025 season at the Ottewell. So we prepared a proposal that would almost double what we paid last year. Their Board did a zoom meeting today regarding our proposal and outright rejected it. They want all of our assets out of the building by April 30.

I have attached their termination letter. I have also included a list of the Edmonton area Curling Clubs. Our Board will contact each of them to see if we can set up at a new location. We are also looking for support from you, our shuffling community. Perhaps you know of a vacant building that could become the new home of GESA. Or maybe you could come up with a financial resolution which would allow us to continue. Please dig deep in this search and contact any Board member with your suggestions. If we can't come up with a suitable solution it will mean the end of GESA.

I know that Charlie is turning over in his grave.

Think positive and good things will happen!

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