

To: Sturgeon Falls Curling Club

Subject: Letter to the members from the SFCC Board of Directors

Greetings Curlers,

On Tuesday, August 18, 2020, the Sturgeon Falls Curling Club Board of Directors met to determine the 2020/21 season.

As you know, Curling Canada has set out some strict return to play guidelines to help clubs across Canada have the safest curling experience possible. The club also received recommendations from our Public Health Unit on the requirements for food and beverage service, and most importantly, we received the results of our survey.

To make our decision, there were two dominating factors that affected our process, which were:

- 1) The health and safety of our members
- 2) Financial viability.

We had lengthy discussions on the need to put all the health and safety guidelines in place so that we could return to curling confidently within a healthy environment.

Financially, the Board had to consider the new costs of extra cleaning/safety measures and the risk of a possible 2nd wave of the COVID pandemic requiring a shut down of the Club and the loss of our start-up costs (approximately \$5000). Operation of our Club is generally about \$2000 per month. We also had to consider our reduced revenue from last season due to our early shut-down. The Board then weighed the results from our survey that indicated a reduced membership of only 62%, against all of our expenses.

In light of all these considerations, the Sturgeon Falls Club Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to recommend that we do not open the Club before January 2021, and that our opening will need to be re-evaluated as the COVID pandemic evolves.

The Club still has much work to do, and we invite our membership to participate in our AGM on September 29, 2020 at 7:00pm. The AGM will include further information about Club finances, elections of Board members, and discussions about concerns of club members. You will be receiving further communication in regard to our AGM, which will be available both in person (up to the maximum health guidelines allow) and virtually through the zoom platform.

We would like to thank all of you that participated in the "Return-to- Play" survey. 93 % of our membership responded to the survey, which is an outstanding amount of participation! Your input was the most valuable tool in our decision-making process.

Up to date information will also be posted on our website www.sfcc.ca

Be safe and well until we can be together again.
SFCC Executive